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Anita Wachter, the defending World Cup overall champion, is one of the very strong Austrian team's golden hopes in Lillehammer.

Lillehammer Ready to Greet the World

By Ian Thomsen
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LILLEHAMMER, Norway — The ground is whiter than the clouds. This town's 23,000 residents walk, crunched upon it, with a sense of pride equal to their relief. Their reputations have been saved. When the International Olympic Committee awarded the 17th Winter Olympic Games to this central Norwegian town in 1986, its members had in mind the postcard image of streets coated in peaceful, silencing snow. For the five winters thereafter, it hardly snowed. The hosts could have manufactured snow for Alberto Tomba and the other skiers, but that would have been like serving take-out pizza to an honored guest.

For five years, Lillehammer made good on every risk. Old roads were torn up and new ones laid. New buildings went up across the valley. Construction can be wearying, especially for people who live in a small town in order to avoid just that.

Representatives of the majority who never believed the Olympics would come were now wrestling over the anticipated windfall. Some \$1.05 billion was spent. The venues, once planned to surround the host city, were spread out to Hamar and Gjøvik, sister towns in

Lillehammer's 115-kilometer (70-mile) valley. The final building was completed last spring. Then all of Norway waited.

It came.

The snow is everywhere, in nearly record amounts, as if in answer to every prayer. If any more falls, it might hinder the movement of the expected 100,000 daily visitors, most of them traveling the single railroad line and two-lane highway from Oslo, 180 kilometers to the south. Lillehammer was predominantly a summer resort before, but that identity might be changed forever.

Just outside the city, rugged clearings have been filled in with a soft, white layer nearly 3 meters (9 feet) deep in spots, not to be touched until the spring thaw. It clings to the green fir trees, giving them a graying sense of age and nobility, and it covers the rooftops like blankets over rows of sleepers. So magical is it atop Haffjell, the Alpine skiing venue, that the snow hangs from the undersides of roofs in giant swirls like soft ice cream.

On Saturday, the majority of the 1,988 athletes from 69 countries will march through the snow and into the ski-jumping arena, where

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What It Took to Bring U.S. and Allies Together NATO Credibility Gap and the Plight Of UN Troops Finally Tipped Balance

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BONN — What makes the latest NATO threat to bomb Serbian artillery positions around Sarajevo different from earlier threats by the allies to use air strikes to stop the cruel siege of the city?

This time, the United States and its allies clearly understand the threat the same way, and for the first time both now seem ready to make good on the threat if the Serbs disregard it.

"NATO has finally made a credible threat to use bombs to stop the violence in Sarajevo," an official in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's office here said, a remark that spoke volumes about earlier bines and about the shift that has taken place on both sides of the Atlantic about the need for U.S. involvement.

In May, France, Britain and most of the other European allies rebuffed an American plan to use air strikes against Serbian military targets and lift the weapons embargo for the Bosnian Muslims, who were suffering the most from the war there.

But the fighting went on, and in August the allies came around to issuing a threat to use air power if attacks against civilians continued. Now, they say, they really mean it.

What brought them to this point, European and American officials say, were two things.

The Europeans were sick and tired of keeping thousands of peacekeeping troops with United Nations forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina who could only look on helplessly at almost daily atrocities, trying to get food and medicine through to civilians trapped, like them, in a war that none of the combatants yet wanted to end.

And both Europeans and Americans were aware that letting the Serbs go unpunished for ignoring earlier threats could have fatal consequences for the credibility of an alliance that they all still believe is the best security framework to ensure a safe transition from Cold War to cooperation with the new democracies to their east.

This time, the Clinton administration carefully prepared the ground for the strategy it urged on its allies, instead of coming to them as Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher did last May with a proposal for which they were not ready.

Mr. Clinton worked the telephones with President François Mitterrand of France, Prime Minister John Major of Britain and Chancellor Kohl of Germany. And Peter Tarrhoff, the undersecretary of state for political affairs, and Charles Redman, the U.S. envoy to the Balkan peace talks, met with European

officials Wednesday to talk not only about military steps but also about the diplomatic steps that are to follow to try to bring about a peace settlement.

The shift in the European attitude began with the two meetings of NATO ambassadors in Brussels on Aug. 2 and 9, when the United States convinced its allies that threatening the Serbs with action might have some effect on the battlefield. Attacks on Sarajevo did diminish, for a while, after the threats were made.

But by the end of the year, it was clear that

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words were not enough, as Mr. Clinton told other NATO leaders at the alliance summit meeting in Brussels Jan. 10-11.

It was then, according to senior German officials, that the British and French, who together provide about 10,000 of the troops in the UN protection force in Bosnia, indicated seriously that they were beginning to conclude that the mission was a mockery and that it was pointless to continue, unless something drastic happened to change things.

The French had insisted on raising the issue of Bosnia at the summit talks, and for several weeks afterward tried unsuccessfully to get the United States to put pressure on the Bosnian Muslims to agree to a peace settlement splitting their country up with the Serbs and Croats. For a while, some American officials suspected that what the French were really trying to do was to find a way of blaming the United States if they

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Bosnia Truce Takes Hold, But the Serbs Give Warning

They Threaten to Hold Aid Workers if NATO Launches Air Attacks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The guns surrounding Sarajevo fell silent Thursday as a cease-fire took hold under the threat of NATO air strikes, but Bosnian Serb officials warned that air attacks on their positions would spark retaliation.

Bosnian Serb generals also threatened to hold foreign aid workers against their will in case of air strikes. "If representatives of their countries bomb us, they will remain with us," General Milan Gvero said.

General Gvero made the comments as reports surfaced of aid workers being withdrawn and indications that Serbs were preventing some from leaving.

But the Serbian forces allowed United Nations peacekeeping troops to move into six frontline zones of Sarajevo on Thursday as part of a plan to lift the siege.

Six French army mechanized platoons with 40 soldiers each and armed with 90mm cannons were deployed, and at least two more positions were to be put under UN supervision on Friday, a UN spokesman said.

Comments from General Gvero and another top general continued a line of tough talk from Bosnian Serbs after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization issued an ultimatum for them to remove their heavy weapons from around Sarajevo within 10 days or face air strikes.

General Gvero, along with General Manojlo Milovanovic, also cast doubts on a verbal agreement reached Wednesday in Sarajevo to put their heavy weapons under UN control.

The Serbian artillery would not move unilaterally, General Gvero said.

"We want peace, and we are for relocation, but we cannot leave our people without defense," General Gvero said. "In other words, if we move our artillery a kilometer, the Muslims will have to do the same."

The Muslim-led government has far fewer pieces of heavy weapons and little place to move them in besieged Sarajevo.

But for the moment, the guns around the Bosnian capital were quiet. In Sarajevo's children made their way out of shell-scarred buildings and ventured onto streets and playgrounds near the front lines.

A mood of exhilaration broke out at times during the sudden return, however fragile, of humanity to the devastated city. Children living in exposed apartments along "sniper alley," said it was the first time they had played outside in almost two years.

After months of death and disappointment over failed truce efforts and peace negotiations, many people in Sarajevo permitted themselves a ray of hope. But dozens of previous truces have collapsed during Bosnia's war, and many residents remained wary.

The new UN commander for Bosnia, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose of Britain, said this truce was different because the Serbs were under greater international pressure and had agreed to pull back their heavy weapons.

As the French units moved into position, soldiers with a tank and six armored cars took over the Brautvo-Jedinstvo Bridge facing the Serbian-held Grbavica suburb.

Later, General Rose crossed the bridge and stopped amid wrecked cars, trenches and mine fields on the Serbian side to talk to reporters. Serbian civilians, separated from the rest of Sarajevo by 22 months of war, watched from their windows.

The allies on Wednesday told Bosnian Serbs to withdraw howitzers, mortars and anti-aircraft guns within 20 kilometers (12 miles) of Sarajevo by midnight Feb. 20 or risk NATO air attacks. They also authorized immediate air strikes on artillery that attack civilians in the city.

Even if Serbs withdraw their artillery, the threat to the city would not end. Many of the deaths in Sarajevo have been attributed to sniping.

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AT&T to Scrap 15,000 Positions

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T said Thursday that it would eliminate 14,000 to 15,000 jobs in the long-distance company's communications units over two years to cut costs and stay competitive.

More than half the job cuts will be in management. Employees in the 96,500-strong communications services group will be offered incentives to leave. The cuts come on top of thousands of jobs that telephone companies are already scrapping to cut back on operators and technicians. AT&T said it aimed to save \$900 million a year from the latest cuts.

In addition, American Telephone & Telegraph Co. will close sales and service operations in Providence, Rhode Island; Charleston, West Virginia; Bloomington, Minnesota; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Hana, Illinois; Pleasanton, California; and Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Israel and PLO Breathe Easier, but Warn of Work Ahead

By Clyde Haberman
New York Times Service

JERICHO, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — Although praising their new accord on security arrangements as a breakthrough, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization cautioned Thursday that they still needed more weeks of negotiations to get Palestinian self-rule under way in Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

As details emerged about the partial agreement initiated in Cairo on Wednesday night, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel said it would take at least another month to clear remaining obstacles on economic relations,

transfer of civil authority in the occupied territories and lingering security matters.

Until they are all resolved, Israeli officials said, they will not order the troop withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho that was supposed to have begun on Dec. 13 but has been held up by snags in the negotiations. Promised releases of Palestinian prisoners also seemed likely to be put on hold until a full agreement is reached.

The PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, who reached the understandings in Cairo with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, said he hoped everything could be settled in two weeks.

Whether it takes another four weeks or two, or even less, there was no celebrating Thursday

on the streets of placid Jericho and turbulent Gaza. Palestinians, disenchanted because nothing has changed in their daily lives five months after Israel and the PLO signed the initial self-rule accord on the White House lawn, recognized that they still had a way to go. Many said they would not believe that Israel meant business about its promised withdrawal of forces until they saw it.

Also unhappy were Jewish settlers in the territories and rightist opposition parties, which said that the Cairo agreement had put Palestinians closer to their hoped-for state and Israelis deeper in danger.

But Israeli government officials, although far

from ebullient, breathed sighs of relief that they had left Cairo with a deal that largely took care of critical issues like security procedures at border crossings, control over Gaza roads connecting settlements to Israel and the size of the autonomous Jericho district — 55 square kilometers (21 square miles), although that detail is not unilaterally settled.

For both sides, the important point was that they could claim a breakthrough after weeks of grueling negotiations and frustrating deadlocks that were threatening to lead nowhere. Neither side wanted to see yet another Peres-Arafat meeting — the third in three weeks — produce

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Crédit Lyonnais Figures in Swiss Judicial Inquiry

By Alan Friedman
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Crédit Lyonnais, the giant state-controlled bank that has been chosen for privatization, became entangled in fresh controversy Thursday as its former chairman and a top executive were placed under investigation in connection with the bankruptcy of a Swiss company involved in the takeover of MGM, the Hollywood studio.

Jean-Yves Haberer, who was removed as chairman in November, and François Gilis, a managing director of the bank, were summoned for questioning by a Swiss judge who is investigating Sasea, an insolvent Geneva-based company that received Crédit Lyonnais loans.

Before it filed for bankruptcy in 1992, Sasea was part of a web of companies that controlled Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc., the financially troubled film studio whose takeover in 1990 was backed by loans from Crédit Lyonnais.

The Swiss judicial order comes at an awkward time for the French government of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, which is under fire from other bankers in Paris for its plans to inject more than \$500 million into the loss-ridden Crédit Lyonnais as a prelude to its privatization.

A lawyer for the bank said the two men had already been cooperating and were now less likely to go to Geneva, and it was unclear what the Swiss judge's next move might be. The bank contended that Thursday's summons was

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China Not on Board Over North Korea

By Julia Preston
Washington Post Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — China has turned down a request to join the other four permanent members of the United Nations Security Council in telling North Korea diplomats that their country must allow international nuclear inspections.

In two recent meetings, UN diplomats said, Britain and France proposed that they, along with the United States, Russia and China, should warn North Korean diplomats at the United Nations that the issue was

almost certain to come to the Security Council this month. China refused to participate.

In the delicate diplomacy surrounding North Korea's refusal to allow inspections of key nuclear facilities, China confirmed by this move that it will not close ranks with the West to impose sanctions on the isolated Communist government in Pyongyang even if it violates nuclear treaties.

Officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency are scheduled to meet in Vienna on Feb. 21. It seems virtually certain they will determine that North Korea has broken the

pattern of inspections required to comply with international nuclear pacts. The matter would then go to the Security Council for consideration of sanctions. North Korea has said it will regard imposition of UN sanctions as an act of war.

China, an ally of North Korea, is the only major power that has friendly influence on Pyongyang.

China has given no indication that it would veto sanctions. UN diplomats said, but it is now clear that China remains at odds with the other Security Council powers.

Who's No. 1? For Once-Smug Japanese, It's America

By T. R. Reid
Washington Post Service

TOKYO — In Japan today, America is Supercountry.

With Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa headed for a White House visit with President Bill Clinton on Friday, the Japanese press is filled with reports declaring that the United States has overcome its economic problems and regained its traditional perch as industrial, financial and political powerhouse of the globe.

"Japan's mood toward America has reversed," said Terumasa Nakanishi, a political scientist at Shizuoka University. "There's a sense that American industry has really changed in the last few years. The Japanese now understand that America is the toughest competitor in markets around the world."

In this homogeneous, media-saturated country, where new ideas and fashions spread the length of the land in the blink of an eye, the only remaining dispute about the widely reported American revival is what to call it.

In a 16-part front-page series on America's "high-tech comeback," the Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's biggest newspaper, chose the title "America's New Tide." An influential political newsletter refers to "The New American Might."

But the most popular new term seems to be "Rising Sam," referring to Uncle Sam. This not only gets across the idea of an American recovery, but also has a built-in irony — recalling "Rising Sun," the best-selling novel by Michael Crichton published in 1992, when Americans



Mr. Hosokawa and his wife, Kayoko, as they prepared to board a plane for Washington Thursday. A trade deal was seen slipping despite his foreign minister's efforts. Page 11.

and Japanese agreed that Japan was the real economic powerhouse.

"A couple of years ago," said Yoichi Masuzoe, a political consultant, "all the magazine editors were clamoring for these articles saying 'Japan is No. 1.' Now nobody here would believe that, so they all want articles that say the one that is really strong is America."

So far, at least, the Rising Sam concept is limited to economic and industrial matters. In social terms, the Japanese press continues to portray America as dangerous and decadent.

Last month, for example, an episode of a popular Japanese television comedy series portrayed a family trip to Hawaii in which family members were assaulted by a black bellboy who did not like his tip, robbed twice and arrested by the police on false drug charges.

But that sense of America as a snake pit is hardly new in Japan. What is new is the widespread conviction that the United States is a much stronger industrial and financial competitor than it was just two years ago.

The Rising Sam idea has clearly reached into the upper levels of government here as Mr. Hosokawa and his cabinet prepare for the meeting with Mr. Clinton.

"Talking to Japanese bureaucrats now, we don't hear that smugness anymore," said Representative Robert E. Wise Jr., Democrat of West Virginia, who met with senior Japanese officials in Tokyo last month. "I was really struck by the new respect for America."

It was just two years ago that Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa sat next to President George Bush at a news conference in Tokyo and explained why he felt "sympathy" for America.

"There are homeless people, there is the problem of AIDS and so on," Mr. Miyazawa said, as Mr. Bush's face grew redder. "Education is not as high as in the past. And U.S. industries are not as competitive as in the past, for various reasons."

Newstand Prices	
Andorra.....9.00 FF	Luxembourg 40 L. Fr
Antilles.....11.20 FF	Morocco.....12 Dirh
Cameroon.....1.40 CFA	Qatar.....8.00 Riels
Egypt.....E.P. 5000	Saudi Arabia.....9.00 R.
France.....9.00 FF	Senegal.....960 CFA
Gabon.....960 CFA	Spain.....200 PTAS
Greece.....300 Dr.	Tunisia.....1,000 Din
Ivory Coast.....1,120 CFA	Turkey.....T.L. 12,000
Jordan.....J.D. 10	U.A.E.....8.50 Dirh
Lebanon.....US\$ 1.50	U.S. Mil. (Eur.) \$1.10

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Down	36.58	Down	0.02%
3,895.34		116.05	
The Dollar		Yen	
Yen	1.7584	Yen	1.7575
Pound	1.4625	Pound	1.4605
Yen	108.25	Yen	108.35
FF	5.9555	FF	5.9565

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Failure Breeds Success for the Right's Fund-Raisers

By Thomas B. Edsall

WASHINGTON — The switch from 12 years of Republican control of the White House under Ronald Reagan and George Bush to a Democratic administration under Bill Clinton has conservatives across the country reaching for their wallets and checkbooks.

Bruce W. Eberle, a direct-mail consultant who has worked for the Conservative Caucus and the Young America's Foundation, put it succinctly: "When guys I don't like get in office, it's like the second coming."

"We are doing as well as we were doing a year after Jimmy Carter took office," he said.

While President Clinton's tax and social policies are pushing a landslide of cash toward conservative organizations, Hillary Rodham Clinton has become a profoundly threatening and profitable symbol to the right.

Richard Norman, a direct-mail fund-raiser whose clients include Oliver L. North, the former National Security Council aide who is running for the Republican nomination for Senate from Virginia, described focus group studies of conservative donors.

"Bill Clinton is seen as a typical politician and a

very good politician, in the negative sense: willing to say anything and do anything to get re-elected," he said. "But Hillary is dangerous. She is committed to an agenda, and she is ruthless. Those are the words they used. There is a tremendous fear of her out there."

The cash flow to the political right has not been weakened by the post-election spread of new conservative organizations, adding to an already long list of research groups and foundations: housing potential Republican presidential candidates and their prospective advisers.

These new solicitations of conservative donors include American Cause, a foundation whose chairman is Patrick J. Buchanan, the conservative writer and unsuccessful Republican presidential candidate; Empower America, which provides a forum for former Representative Vin Weber and the former Reagan and Bush administration aides William J. Bennett, Jack Kemp and Jeanne Kirkpatrick; the Progress & Freedom Foundation, which has offered a podium to Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the Republican whip, and the Project for the Republican Future, where William Kristol, aide to former Vice President Dan Quayle, has been pressing congressional Republicans on the health-care issue.

Conversely, many, but not all, liberal groups are finding that a friend in the White House does not help the bank account.

Bruce Hamilton, conservation director of the Sierra Club, said direct-mail prospecting for new members had become increasingly expensive. Membership in the environmental organization peaked at 650,000 in 1991, he said, and is now at about 550,000 as the organization is turning more to solicitation of major donors and to such fund-raising devices as licensing sponsorship of Sierra Club games to Milton Bradley.

Sierra Club scenes for Microsoft computer software and John Muir hats marketed by The Nature Company.

"Back in the James Watt-Ronald Reagan era, our budget was steadily growing, and now it has flattened out," Mr. Hamilton said, referring to Mr. Reagan's conservative interior minister.

Jennie Thompson, senior fund-raising adviser at the liberal direct-mail firm Craver, Mathews, Smith & Co., said women's and environmental groups were now in the process of "re-inventing their messages" to prevent "riding against the tide of the perception that everything is now O.K."

For several liberal women's groups, recent Supreme Court decisions and the election of Mr. Clinton, a supporter of abortion rights, eased many of the fears of abortion-rights advocates and slowed what had been a surge of feminist fund-raising during the Reagan-Bush years.

Now, as Mr. Clinton has successfully raised taxes on the most affluent, liberalized federal abortion policy and changed the military's policy on gay recruits, conservative groups are re-energized.

Charles Orndorff, administrative vice chairman of the Conservative Caucus, said that membership had increased from about 75,000 at the end of 1992 to 100,000 now, and that the organization had been able to increase its net operating budget from \$600,000 to \$750,000.

Richard A. Viguerie, one of the original conservative direct-mail fund-raisers, who struggled occasionally through hard times in the 1980s, said the atmosphere in his business "is like Christmas Eve."



YANKEE GO HOME? — U.S. soldiers building a school wall near the Pacific coast village of Juncachoco, Colombia. Their presence — ostensibly a goodwill expedition — was ruled unconstitutional by the Council of State. President César Gaviria Trujillo said he would ignore the verdict. The 150 Americans arrived in December. About 100 other U.S. troops are stationed in Colombia.

Marines' Toy Charity Target of Inquiry

By Liz Spayd

WASHINGTON — The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, the chief fund-raising arm for the Marine Reserve's Christmas gift drive, has collected nearly \$10 million in the last two years through a direct-mail campaign, but foundation officials acknowledge that little of the money has gone to buy toys for needy children.

The charity also is the target of a federal investigation into whether its former president diverted money from the nonprofit organization for his own benefit, according to foundation officials and others familiar with the inquiry.

Marine Reserve officials said they were scrambling to correct the problems. But they said they were worried that the foundation's questionable management practices would jeopardize the success of the annual gift drive, which began more than 40 years ago.

While toys donated to reserve units across the United States are reaching children who need them, most of the money donated through the reserve's foundation, which was created three years ago, is not.

Of the money the foundation raised in its most recent fiscal year — including corporate gifts and those from federal workers through the Combined Federal Campaign — 10 percent went to buy toys, financial records show. The rest was spent on management, fund-raising expenses and materials used to promote the reserve's toy appeal.

For the second year in a row, the donations mailed in by more than 200,000 people across

the country did not cover the cost of running the group's direct-mail effort, according to the charity's records.

"This foundation has been an embarrassment," said Lieutenant General Matthew T. Cooper, a retired officer who took charge of the group five months ago. "But we are trying to put the train on the track, working seven days a week to assure the public's money goes where it should."

Foundation officials said the most serious problems stemmed from their former president and chairman, Jerry L. King. Mr. King was dismissed last summer after a newspaper, The Buffalo News, in Buffalo, New York, reported that he had been convicted of tax evasion and conspiring to deal in counterfeit money.

General Cooper said the foundation was co-operating with investigators from the Justice Department and the U.S. attorney's office in Buffalo to determine whether Mr. King had taken money from the charity.

Both of those offices declined to confirm whether they were conducting investigations. Mr. King also declined to comment on Wednesday.

After Mr. King left, General Cooper said, numerous questions began to arise about how the foundation's records were kept and whether Mr. King had funneled money into toy companies in which he had a financial interest.

A new audit by a Maryland accounting firm said that so many invoices, purchase orders and other records were missing that the auditors could not document whether hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of transactions were authentic.

The financial report also raised questions

about whether the foundation paid for goods and services that were not received. It questioned the group's relationship with two toy companies in which Mr. King had a financial interest.

Foundation officials said they had moved swiftly to put the charity back on track. They installed a new president, expanded the board of directors, instituted tighter financial controls and moved the headquarters from Amherst, New York, near Buffalo, to rent-free space at Quantico Marine Base, in Quantico, Virginia.

But questions remain.

In a report issued this week by the Better Business Bureau, the foundation is cited as violating six of the consumer watchdog group's 22 standards for charitable organizations. Among the group's concerns are the amount of money spent on fund raising and management and the lack of complete financial data on the foundation's operations.

"It is unfortunate that so much of their money is being consumed by fund-raising costs and overhead," said Bennett Weiner, who oversees the bureau's charity division. "I would think that should be a serious concern of contributors."

General Cooper, who is paid a salary of \$100,000, and his operations manager, who receives \$45,000, are the only employees on the payroll. The biggest expenses, records show, have been printing costs and consulting fees paid to the company that runs the foundation's direct-mail appeal.

General Cooper declined to discuss the terms of that agreement, except to say that it was being reviewed so that the charity could receive more favorable terms.

Away From Politics

- People with low blood pressure appear more likely to suffer from depression, according to researchers at the University of California at San Diego. They said a study of 600 men over the age of 60 showed that those with low blood pressure had high scores on a questionnaire for depression.
- Two off-duty Los Angeles police officers were arrested after they went on a shooting spree, firing from the open windows of their pickup truck on the terrified passengers of a moving bus and a California Highway Patrolman, authorities said.
- Three people thought to be members of the Irish Republican Army have been elected as grand marshals of this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in San Francisco, a parade spokesman said.
- The evangelists Jimmy Swaggart and Marvin Gorman have agreed to settle a multi-million dollar defamation lawsuit centered around sexual misconduct allegations they made about each other. No details were made public about the agreement in New Orleans.
- The editor in chief of The Village Voice, Jonathan Larson, announced his resignation on Wednesday after nearly five years presiding over the New York weekly newspaper's often tumultuous newsroom. *Reuters, AP, LAT, NYT*

A Lighter U.S. Hand in Nicaragua

New York Times Service

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — In sharp contrast to Washington's justification for its policy toward Nicaragua in the 1980s, the U.S. ambassador here says he has been instructed to encourage the development of genuine democracy by allowing the country's political institutions to mature without meddling from Washington.

This policy shift was first announced in October in Washington by Alexander W. Watson, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, who attributed the political chaos in Nicaragua to its leaders' looking to Washington to resolve their problems.

But the ambassador, John F. Maisto, appears to have gone further by acknowledging that U.S. influence in the past helped weaken Nicaragua's political system by supporting undemocratic governments as long as they were friendly to Washington's interests.

Mr. Maisto, a career diplomat who was previously

deputy assistant secretary of state for Central America, said U.S. policy in the region had been "tailor-made for dictators" for most of this century by offering stability at the cost of democracy.

"The United States wanted someone in command of the situation to make sure that the bad guys didn't get it," he said in a recent interview here. "And at the same time we were looking toward protecting U.S. investments."

The Nicaraguan left has long denounced Washington's support for dictators who repressed efforts toward democracy.

Carlos Turner Benito, who was the Nicaraguan ambassador to Washington for the Sandinista government in the 1980s, described Mr. Maisto's analysis as being "very close to what we have always said."

Referring to the State Department, he added in an interview, "They always denied it, but if they are admitting it now, there is a responsibility to repair the damage."

A Theorist on the Stone Age Dies

Reuters

LOS ANGELES — Marija Gimbutas, 73, an archaeologist who theorized that women were revered as goddesses 6,000 to 8,000 years ago, has died of cancer.

Ms. Gimbutas, professor emerita of European archaeology at the University of California at Los Angeles, formed her theory after extensive research in Europe, where she found thousands of female images during her excavations.

Her books, "The Civilization of the Goddess," "Goddesses and Gods of Old Europe," and "The Language of the Goddess," challenged the established view that the Europe of the Stone Age was male-dominated.

Frank Cormier, 66, Ex-White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frank Cormier, 66, who covered five presidents as White House correspondent for The Associated Press, died Wednesday at a convalescent home in suburban Fairfax, Virginia, after a long battle against a disabling nerve disorder.

Before his retirement in 1980 because of illness, Mr. Cormier had been the senior wire service correspondent at the White House. As White House correspondent for nearly 20 years, Mr. Cormier covered John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter.

He reported on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 from Dallas and wrote four books, including a personalized account of the Johnson administration.

Simon Dack, 85, founder of The Journal of American Cardiology and its editor in chief for more than 30 years, died Monday of congestive heart failure at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center, where he had worked most of his life.

Raymond A. Hare, 92, an Arabist in the U.S. State Department who rose through the ranks of the foreign service to serve as ambassador to four countries in the Middle East and as an assistant secretary of state, died Wednesday of pneumonia at his home in Washington.

New Therapy Offers Hope to Millions Of Ulcer Sufferers

By Lawrence K. Altman

BETHESDA, Maryland — Setting a new standard of care for millions of people with stomach ulcers, a panel of medical experts say that antimicrobial agents, including antibiotics, should be added to the conventional treatments for the common ailment.

The recommendation reflects evidence from studies in the last few years that ulcers are caused by infection with a bacterium, Helicobacter pylori. The goal of antimicrobial therapy is to knock out the bacteria permanently and thus to prevent recurrences.

The recommendation was made Wednesday by an independent panel convened by the National Institutes of Health, a federal agency in Bethesda, as part of a program intended to resolve controversies in health care.

The chairman of the panel, Dr. Tadatsuka Yamada, who heads the department of medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, said he believed his was the first professional group to officially recommend anti-microbial drugs for treatment of ulcers.

The panel's recommendation applies not only to the 400,000 new

cases that are expected to be diagnosed this year, but also to the more than 4 million Americans now being treated for ulcers.

There are two types of ulcers. The most common is duodenal, which occurs in the portion of the bowel connecting the stomach and small intestine. The other is gastric, and occurs in the stomach.

Dr. Yamada estimated that doctors now prescribed anti-microbial drugs for "no more than 1 to 2 percent, if that, of ulcer patients" in the United States. The small number may reflect what had been a continuing uncertainty over the effectiveness of anti-microbials for ulcers.

The addition of anti-microbial therapy offers ulcer patients the promise of a full cure with one course of drug therapy. It also offers the possibility of fewer complications, like bleeding and blockage of the intestine from swelling and inflammation.

"We now have an opportunity to cure a disease that previously we had only been able to suppress or control, and sometimes not all successfully," said Dr. Ann L. B. Williams of George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, a panel member.

★POLITICAL NOTES★

A Move to Protect the Poor and Minorities

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is about to order all federal agencies to ensure that their programs do not unfairly inflict environmental harm on the poor and members of minorities, officials said.

An executive order to be signed within days by President Bill Clinton would require every agency to come up with a comprehensive strategy to redress and prevent such inequities, which until recently were rarely considered in setting federal policies.

The order would govern programs as diverse as the removal of lead from public housing, pollution control in urban rivers, the licensing of hazardous-waste incinerators, the exposure of farm workers to pesticides and the setting of health standards for contaminants found in game and fish.

In planning federal programs, enforcing pollution laws and writing regulations, agencies will have to make sure that all segments of the population have equal opportunities to make their views known and to benefit from the results.

Among the programs that would be affected is the Superfund, which helps pay for the cleanup of toxic-waste sites, many of which are in depressed urban areas populated mainly by racial minorities. Under the order, the Superfund program would have to correct disparities in the pace of cleaning up those sites. *(NYT)*

On Gun Control, the Numbers Don't Add Up

WASHINGTON — Only 17 percent of U.S. criminal records are in shape to be of use in making background checks of gun purchasers, according to Attorney General Janet Reno.

Background checks will be required starting Feb. 28, when a new handgun-control law goes into effect.

In a speech to a meeting of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Ms. Reno said the latest data, in 1992, showed that 17.5 million of the 53.3 million criminal histories are shareable nationally by computer. And only 9.2 million of all records are complete, she said. *(AP)*

Hayden Challenges the System Once Again

LOS ANGELES — Tom Hayden, a California state senator, onetime leader of anti-war student radicals and longtime challenger of the establishment, has rallied the political cage again by entering the June 7 Democratic primary for governor of California as "a messenger" of political reform.

Mr. Hayden, 54, said he was not under any illusion about actually winning election as governor, but he said he would use his candidacy as a platform for forcing a solution to "the obstinate problem of power and money" that he said dominates California politics.

"We have become dangerously lost. I think, in the values of Babylon," he said.

Mr. Hayden's decision was a surprise to the California political establishment. He said he had considered the idea for some time but did not decide to file for office until Tuesday night. *(LAT)*


In Whitewater Case, a Report of Shredding

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Robert B. Fiske Jr., the special counsel appointed to investigate financial dealings by Mr. Clinton and his family when he was governor of Arkansas, will investigate allegations that employees at the Rose law firm have shredded documents relating to Whitewater Development Corp.

Rose officials denied the claim, which was published in The Washington Times. The newspaper said documents on the real estate investment of Mr. Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, a former partner in the firm, had been shredded last Thursday. *(WFP)*

Quote/Unquote

Sam Sexton, director of the Department of Corrections in Prince George's County, Maryland, whose jail was the scene of a speech by President Clinton on crime and drugs: "To my knowledge, there has never been a president of the United States who has visited a confinement facility. There have been some who have come rather close." *(NYT)*



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Afrikaner Group Sets Boycott South Africa Warned of Campaign Violence

By Paul Taylor
Washington Post Service
JOHANNESBURG — The Afrikaner Volksfront, an umbrella group of rightists seeking an independent white homeland, announced Thursday that it would not participate in South Africa's first all-races election and warned that the campaign will be riddled with violence.

The announcement, which came two days before the deadline for political parties to register for the April 26-28 election, is expected to give impetus to a campaign of civil disobedience and sabotage that has already begun among the loosely allied band of militant rightists.

Ferdinand Hartzenberg, the Volksfront chairman, said he would continue to seek peaceful means to achieve his organization's demand for a separate nation for Afrikaners, the 3 million whites (in a nation of 40 million) who are descendants of Dutch, French and German settlers.

But he said he fully expected Afrikaners to become targets of violence from the black forces in the

coming months. "If they crush us, what must we do?" he said. "I think we must use a little bit of force to protect ourselves."

President Frederik W. de Klerk said he was disappointed with the announcement, but added, "We cannot allow a minority to stop the train and derail the process."

In the last week, the government and the African National Congress had offered the Volksfront and two other holdout parties, the black homeland government of Bophuthatswana and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, a two-ballot system, regional taxation powers and a constitutional commitment to explore ways to accommodate the nationalistic aspirations of Afrikaners and other ethnic groups.

But the hard-liners in the Volksfront had held out for a firm guarantee that an Afrikaner state would be created. Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, has categorically ruled that out; he says the ANC could never accept restricting citizenship rights by race or ethnicity.

The Volksfront will proceed with plans to set up separate shadow

governments in the small towns where its support is strongest. It says it will not recognize the legitimacy of the government elected in April, and will pursue tax boycotts and other forms of civil resistance.

Although Mr. Hartzenberg portrays his supporters as the likely victims of violence, there is no question that they know how to instigate it. Nine rightists are now in police custody in connection with more than 30 bomb blasts that have been set off in the last six weeks.

There are believed to be tens of thousands of militant rightists organized into scores of small, area-based paramilitary commando units. Most are well armed, and virtually all are former soldiers.

Engene Terre-Blanche, head of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement, which claims 40,000 such commandos, flanked Mr. Hartzenberg at his news conference Thursday. He said he did not see how any election could be held without the support of the Afrikaners, the *Tswanas* and the *Zulus*.

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nothing tangible for an increasingly restless public.

Israeli officials acknowledged that many substantive issues remained, but they said they had overcome the most difficult security disputes and had shown that they and the Palestinians could move forward.

"I believe certain walls of suspicion are starting to crumble," said Uri Savir, the Foreign Ministry director-general and a senior negotiator.

Mr. Rabin called the agreement "an important step forward," praise echoed by President Bill Clinton, who said it represented "another big milestone."

Palestinian leaders were more reserved, no doubt because Mr. Arafat had backed down on key matters like Israel's demand for veto power over travelers trying to cross from Jordan and Egypt into the territories.

Although Israel will share authority at border passages with the PLO, Israel is clearly the senior partner under the Cairo accord and will be able to stop Palestinians it considers suspicious and turn away any traveler who is not a West Bank or Gaza Strip resident. That includes Palestinian refugees, Mr. Savir said.

But Mr. Arafat, who was looking for symbols of authority in the territories, could claim victory with the right to post armed Palestinian police officers and fly the Palestinian flag at border terminals.

"These were tough negotiations and we didn't get everything we wanted," Nabil Shaath, a senior PLO negotiator, said in Cairo. "But then neither did the Israelis."

As Israeli officials describe the talks, they involved weighing Israel's need for security assurances against the Palestinians' desire to demonstrate they are in charge of their own lives. The officials insisted that they held firm on security, but made concessions to the Palestinians when that was not at issue.

"We want them to demonstrate their ability to control what's going on, which is the basis of this whole agreement," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, a negotiator in Cairo. "If it turns out that this agreement relies on a weak reed, we haven't achieved anything."

Still to be settled are key details about the Palestinian police force and its relationship with the Israeli army. Among the unanswered questions: Can the army, in hot pursuit of a Palestinian suspected of killing a settler, chase him into a Gaza refugee camp? Or must it turn the job over to the Palestinian police, even though many Israelis assume that the hunt would stop?

On the economic front, customs procedures and Palestinian access to overseas markets have yet to be defined. Similarly, important areas of civil authority remain unclear, including Palestinian broadcast rights and water distribution.

"In my assessment, another month will be needed to finish the details of the agreement to a full accord," Mr. Rabin said. "I hope a month will be enough. It could take a little more. Remember, in our eyes there are no sacred dates."



Palestinian boys on Thursday in Jericho, where there was little celebrating over the Israeli-PLO self-rule agreement signed in Cairo.

Its Landing Gear Fixed, Airbus Jet Flies Again

TOULOUSE, France — Airbus Industrie said Thursday that its A-330 passenger jet had resumed commercial flights after the resolution of problems with its undercarriage that led to suspension of service last month.

Bernard Ziegler, technical director at the four-nation European consortium, said at a news conference that the problems were due to a sensor near the landing gear.

A new A-330, bound for Marseille, had to return to Paris in mid-February after it could not retract its undercarriage. It was the third time the plane had experienced problems of this kind.

An Airbus spokesman said the

sensor, which uses magnetic beams to check that everything is working properly, had had a sensitivity of a hundredth of a second and that this level had now been changed to a tenth of a second.

The A-330 restarted operations on Thursday from Paris's Orly airport, Airbus said.

Airbus adopted a procedure that will allow up to three attempts at retracting the undercarriage and installed a system for continuous monitoring during withdrawal of the landing gear.

The A-330 is a twin-engine jet with 412 seats. Companies in France, Britain, Germany and Spain make up the Airbus consortium.

Italy Recovers Long-Missing Raphael Work

ROME — The police in Italy said Thursday that they had recovered a painting attributed to the Renaissance artist Raphael that had been missing for a century.

"The Madonna with Child and Lamb," believed to date from 1506, was recovered from a bank vault in Milan, apparently by investigators posing as millionaire buyers.

A police spokesman said the painting had been brought into Italy from Switzerland. He said two Italians and two foreigners would be charged in the case.

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U.S. House Votes to Revive Law on Independent Counsels

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives voted Thursday to revive independent counsel investigations after rejecting a Republican plan to have the federal prosecutors conduct all criminal investigations of legislators.

The House bill, similar to a version passed by the Senate, would last for five years — and once again allow court-appointed counsels to investigate high government officials. The vote was 356 to 56.

The old independent counsel law expired in December 1992 after Senate Republicans, angry over the

costly \$40 million investigation into the Iran-contra affair, killed it with a filibuster.

This time, the debate turned partisan when Republicans proposed that all criminal investigations of House and Senate members be handled only by independent counsels. Instead, the House backed Democratic language that would give the attorney general a choice in investigating lawmakers.

The legislation will not affect the investigation of President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, into financial dealings when Mr. Clinton was governor of Arkansas.

Castro Will Authorize Some Jews to Leave

JERUSALEM — President Fidel Castro of Cuba will grant any individual request from Israel to let Cuban Jewish families emigrate, the Israeli chief rabbi, Yisrael Lau, said on returning from a trip to Cuba.

But Mr. Castro, who strictly restricts the number of people permitted to leave, will not allow a mass emigration of the 1,000 Jews in Cuba, Rabbi Lau said.

During the interim period the Gush Katif and Erez settlement areas, as well as the other settlements in the Gaza Strip, and the Israeli military installation area along the Egyptian border in the Gaza Strip, as indicated on the attached map, will be under Israeli authority.

Excerpts From Israeli-PLO Agreement

Following are excerpts from the official text of the Israeli-PLO partial agreement signed Wednesday and made public by Israel on Thursday.

The Cairo Agreement

The Jericho Area
The size of the Jericho area will be as depicted on the agreed map attached to this agreement.

In addition, while not part of the Jericho area:

a. Pending the entry into force of the interim agreement, the holy site of Nebi Mousa will be under the auspices of the Palestinian Authority for religious purposes.

b. During religious events that take place three times a year and other special occasions that will be coordinated with the Israeli authorities, Palestinians will have the right to religious pilgrimage to the al-Maghas under the Palestinian flag.

Roads within Jericho city will be under Palestinian control. Joint patrols on the main roads will be operated, led by the Palestinian vehicle.

On the three lateral roads connecting the Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip to Israel, including the adjacent sides upon which the security of traffic along these roads is dependent, the Israeli authorities will have all necessary responsibilities and powers in order to conduct independent security activity, including Israeli patrols.

Other Issues

1. General
While Israel remains responsible during the interim period for external security, including along the Egyptian border and the Jordanian line, border crossing shall take place according to the arrangements included in this article.

The two sides are determined to do their utmost to maintain the dignity of persons passing through the border crossings. To this end, the mechanism created will rely heavily on brief and modern procedures.

In each border crossing there will be one terminal, consisting of two wings. The first wing will serve Palestinian residents of the Gaza Strip and West Bank and visitors to these areas (hereinafter "the Palestinian wing"). The second wing will serve Israelis and others (hereinafter "the Israeli wing"). There will be a closed Israeli checking area and a closed Palestinian checking area.

Special arrangements will apply to V.I.P.s crossing through the Palestinian wing. Palestinian policemen present at the terminal will be armed with handguns. Their deployment will be decided upon in Tabu.

3. Arrangements for Entry from Egypt and Jordan Through the Palestinian Wing

a. At the entrance to the Palestinian wing there will be a Palestinian policeman and a raised Palestinian flag.

b. Before entering the Palestinian wing, passengers will identify their personal luggage and it will be placed on a conveyor belt. Each side will be able to inspect such luggage inside its own checking area, using its own personnel.

c. Persons entering the Palestinian wing will pass through a magnetic gate. An Israeli policeman and a Palestinian policeman will be posted on each side of this gate. In the event of suspicion, each side will be entitled to require a physical inspection to be conducted in inspection booths to be located adjacent to the gate. Passengers will be inspected by a Palestinian policeman in the presence of an Israeli policeman.

d. Having completed the above phase, persons entering the Palestinian wing will pass through one of three lanes for the purpose of identification and document control.

In the event of suspicion regarding a passenger in any of the three lanes, each side may question such passenger in its closed checking area.

If, at the conclusion of this questioning, the suspicion has not been removed, such passenger may be apprehended, after the other side has been notified. In case of a Palestinian suspect being apprehended by the Israeli side, a Palestinian policeman will be asked to meet with the suspect.

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A Deadline in Bosnia

Get Serious or Shut Up

There is talk radio and there is, especially in respect to Bosnia, talk policy: an interminable ventilation of alarms and alibis, contingencies and conditions, threats and delays, pledges and backdowns, all of which end up with new heaps of Bosnia dead and deep sighs by the United States, its friends in the United Nations and its allies in NATO. This has become the predictable pattern of the 22-month Bosnian war. The instant question is whether the shock generated by the most recent Serbian atrocity in Sarajevo will break this ignominious mold.

True, there is a new spate of diplomatic heavy breathing. In the latest episode of a Ping-Pong game that began in 1992, President Bill Clinton has endorsed a United Nations call on NATO to "prepare" (whatever that means) for bombing Serbian heavy weapons around Sarajevo. On Wednesday, NATO, which last August had pledged to strike if the Serbs did not end their strangulation of the city, set a 10-day deadline for the Serbs to comply or face strikes. Also on Wednesday, the Serbs agreed to pull back their siege guns from Sarajevo and to part with the Bosnian government's guns, under UN watch. The Serbs did not sign anything, but that is of small consequence since their word is worthless.

It is American credibility that concerns us

most. How disappointing to observe that William Perry, who has been secretary of defense only a few days, is already picking up the Clinton administration's dilatory Bosnia style. The press's emphasis on air strikes, he told reporters, was "entirely inappropriate." And he volunteered a primer on the downside of such a tactic. How can it be that the Pentagon needs to be reminded that there is an upside as well as a downside and that its task is to find the best way to support the president, who — repeating his wariness of empty threats — insists that he now truly means to act?

Smart policy requires, of course, not a mindless NATO whack, as emotionally satisfying as that might briefly be. It requires political thinking to link military acts to a negotiated peace. Conceivably, the United States is finally getting into this part of the act. It is not just hanging back and saying "no" to the Europeans' idea of an imposed peace that would leave the Muslims with an unenviable enclave. It is coming forward to promote its own idea to give them something a face-saving bit bigger, better and more voluntary.

At least we hope that this is what the American government is doing. At this point in the dying of Bosnia, more talk policy is an obscenity. If the U.S. government is not conducting a serious policy, it should just shut up.

— THE WASHINGTON POST

A Momentous Step

Bosnian Serb forces are taking the latest NATO bombing ultimatum seriously, and Americans should, too. The Clinton administration needs to assert more effective U.S. leadership within NATO than it has until now on the Bosnian issue; otherwise this emotionally satisfying episode to last Saturday afternoon's carnage in Sarajevo could lead to costly and frustrating NATO ground involvement. It could also perversely encourage coercion of the Bosnian government to accept an unjust European peace formula.

In a momentous step, the Western military alliance, which has never before taken any combat action, declared on Wednesday that Bosnian Serb forces must withdraw their heavy guns to a line 20 kilometers outside Sarajevo by Feb. 20 or risk aerial attack by NATO jets. Formally, it will be up to United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali to order the first strike.

Even before the alliance voted in Brussels, Serbian forces agreed to a cease-fire and offered to pull their siege artillery under UN control. If the Serbs keep their word this time, the ultimatum will be judged a great success. But, as President Bill Clinton himself recognizes, NATO cannot afford to make any more empty threats. If the Serbs do not comply with the terms of the ultimatum, it will be under tremendous pressure to carry out its bombing threat. Bombing Serbian artillery positions is likely to poison Western relations with Moscow, which favors the Serbs, and provoke anti-NATO sentiment in pro-Serbian Greece, an alliance member. It is also unlikely that it would end or even slow the Bosnian war.

The Bosnian government's much smaller number of heavy guns must also be turned

over to UN monitors under the ultimatum. If its forces try to exploit the neutralizing of the Serbs' artillery advantage to push back the front lines around Sarajevo, European governments would feel obliged to find a way to restrain the Bosnians.

Europe is already anxious about Bosnia's improving ability to defend itself, and wants to enlist U.S. diplomatic pressure on Bosnia to accept the partition maps drawn up by David Owen and his UN counterpart, Thorvald Stoltenberg. Washington has until now sympathized with Bosnian government claims that those maps deny it the territorial integrity and transit corridors it needs to survive.

Meanwhile the Serbs, if thwarted in Sarajevo, can be expected to shift their efforts to another front — or to vent their fury against the 13,000 UN peacekeepers stationed in Bosnia. That would raise new cries for air strikes, and even ground relief operations, to vindicate NATO's credibility.

Having issued the ultimatum, NATO should not now step back. But it is up to the Clinton administration to make clear that this is a humanitarian action that does not commit the United States to deeper involvement in European diplomatic maneuvers or ground peacekeeping operations. That will limit some of the risks now undertaken.

The surest way out for the long term is to assign the job of defending Bosnian civilians where it belongs, to the Bosnian government. That will require an energetic U.S. diplomatic campaign to lift the UN arms embargo that has given the Serbs their advantage in heavy weaponry. Bosnia is not a ward of NATO or the United Nations but a violated sovereign state. The best thing the world can do for it is to get out of the way and let it defend itself.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

Yes, the Young Will Pay

Tucked away in the new U.S. federal budget is a 14-page essay that will throw gasoline on the fires of generational warfare. The essay offers statistical backing for a theory especially popular among Americans under 30: that their generation will have to pay out a lot of money to cover the costs of today's government borrowing and tomorrow's retirement costs for baby boomers. The younger crowd can take only so much comfort from the fact that members of the baby boom are, in turn, paying out a lot more than their elders.

The essay is built around calculations of "net tax rates" on generations, calculated by figuring out the taxes that their members will pay during their lifetimes and subtracting the benefits they will get back from the government (such as Social Security payments). An American born in 1910 has a good deal: the net lifetime tax rate is only 37.2 percent of income. The average baby boomer born in 1950 can expect to pay out 33.3 percent. The tax rate goes up to 36.5 percent for those born in 1970, and 36.9 percent for those born in 1990. Older folks did especially well because taxes were relatively low during their younger years, but Social Security payments have risen steadily with inflation.

The Office of Management and Budget also provided calculations of what people can expect to pay in or get back from the government over the rest of their lives. A woman born in 1922 is in great shape — her tax payment will be a negative \$124,600, because she will be receiving lots more government benefits (such as Social Security) than she will pay back in taxes. But the average man born in 1952 will pay in \$171,000 more to the government than he will take out; the average woman born in the same year will pay in \$69,000 more than she will take out. It is worse if birth was in 1967: the average man born that year will pay in a net \$203,000, the average woman \$101,000.

The study did offer one other useful set of

findings suggesting that when it comes to generational imbalance, the United States is far from alone. Italy, but substantially less far than Norway — Italy and Norway being the only other two countries that keep "generational accounts." According to the budget document, the generational imbalance in Italy is two to three times greater than that of the United States because Italy's debt is proportionately higher, because the Italian government pays out more in transfer payments, and because its population is aging more rapidly. But Norway, with a smaller debt than the United States, has a "generational imbalance" only half as large as America's.

Estimates like these are a very long way from perfect, since they assume a future much like the present, which could turn out to be quite wrong. Who, for example, would have predicted the high inflation of the late 1970s and the impact it would have on the indexed Social Security payments going to this generation of elderly Americans? Still, the figures do show that this generation of budget-makers ought to pay more heed to the interests of the next generation of taxpayers.

— THE WASHINGTON POST

Other Comment

Time to Act in Bosnia

It is as in Hitler's time — that is how European diplomats are behaving. Facing Bosnian genocide, they hesitate, scared by their shadows. They mumble lies. They hope to calm the aggressor with concessions. They say they want to prevent the worst; in so doing they prepare catastrophe. For us and for our children, we have to do something to stop the war in ex-Yugoslavia. Military intervention will have costs, even heavy ones. However, tomorrow it will be harder and bloodier.

— Il Messaggero (Rome)

If the Serbs Retaliate, Harsh Escalation Should Follow

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Whenever the West pretended to be ready to bomb the Serbian artillery shelling Sarajevo, the Serbs would pretend to agree to stop the slaughter. Then the West didn't bomb, and the Serbs didn't stop. This time had better be different. Public opinion is finally beginning to put political heat on footless leaders.

The reluctance at times to act in Europe and leadership in America caused an unannounced deal to be cut between France, which has the most troops in Bosnia, and the United States, which, if not acting like a superpower, can at least be a superbroker.

France undertook to get the British, Canadians and Greeks to go along with token NATO air strikes if the Serbs failed to pull back their artillery. The United States agreed to "encourage" Bosnian Muslims to accept modification of the humiliating deal offered by the Serbs and Croats.

A troubling aspect of this Clinton policy is

its choice of envoy to the allies — Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff, architect of the notorious Tarnoff Doctrine: America is too poor to get involved.

Is the Western threat to bomb Serbian artillery and mortars still a pretense? Apparently not; a White House aide says that any artillery piece spotted within a specified distance from Sarajevo next week will be targeted, and any long-range piece outside that line that fires at the city will also be blasted.

But what will happen, worry the hand-wringers. If the Serbs double-cross us again and do not back off? What if they respond to coercion by attacking the peacekeeping troops — won't we be drawn into a quagmire?

That was the question that paralyzed Western action for two long years. We listened to the hand-wringers and it cost 200,000 lives. NATO dithered until its credibility was shattered and the alliance was brought to the brink of disintegration. Dithering has had its bloody day; now give intervention a chance.

The step after next should be no secret: If the Serbs retaliate, harsh escalation must follow. The troops under UN command cannot defend themselves as a fighting force; they should be withdrawn, turning over their equipment to the Bosnians. No hostages.

Western force would take out aggressor bridges, supply depots, port facilities. If countrywide tactical air support does not help Bosnian forces turn the tide, smart bombs will find command targets and out will go the lights in Belgrade.

Peace in the Balkans will come not when the Muslims agree to be good victims, nor when Christians and Muslims "make up their own mind to quit killing each other," in Bill Clinton's phrase, but when a good of Europe — a balance of power — is achieved.

Today's war-causing imbalance can be shifted by air power in close support of Bosnian forces no longer hindered by an arms embargo, and with the political effect of economic privation visited on those in Serbia calling the shots in Bosnia.

But this extended escalation need not take place. As soon as NATO's will to use its power is exhibited dramatically, or as soon as Serbian commanders begin hearing anguished demands from their real headquarters, the peace table will become the scene of great progress. And the primary peacekeepers must be tripartite teams of the former enemies.

As the American end of the French-Ameri-

can deal to demonstrate NATO backbone, a Clinton adviser tells me, the United States is prepared to work diplomatically with the Bosnians as it has not before.

If that means that Washington will find out their bottom line and help them formulate proposals for equitable partition and a viable nation, fine. But if "encouragement" means that America leans on them to abandon sovereignty in their capital, or give up corridor connection of their enclaves and access to the sea, that would be a betrayal.

Pictures can energize diplomats. Almost as stunning as the images of death in the marketplace was last week's photo of the visit to Sarajevo of Pakistan's prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, marching alongside Turkey's prime minister, Tansu Ciller. These were not merely two women showing humanitarian concern. These were two elected leaders of large, powerful Muslim countries telling Christendom that their coreligionists in Bosnia would not be humiliated and annihilated without serious global consequences.

That helped the message get through: intervention now or disaster later.

The New York Times

Central Asia: Stationing the Fox at the Chicken Coop Entrance

By Jim Hoagland

PARIS — The web of military and economic agreements that Russia is weaving across the independent states in its ragged southern fringe is indicator of a new burst of expansionism. Expansion could come if political and economic trends continue to spiral downward in Russia.

But for the time being Russia is acting in the Caucasus and Central Asia much as Britain and France did 30 years ago in securing military bases and economic advantage in their former colonies.

Promises of Russian financial or technical aid accompany a Russian military presence intended to secure the newly independent regimes against internal and external threat. Citizens of Kenya or Chad will instantly recognize this postcolonial pattern.

Alain Juppé did not find the comparison flattering when I suggested it to him. But France's urbane, analytical foreign minister did characterize Russia's actions in its "near abroad" with less alarm than do American commentators who see a plot to subjugate Russia's neighbors first and then

reconstruct the Soviet empire. "The Russians are beginning to take things back in hand throughout the former Soviet Union," Mr. Juppé said of the friendship treaty that Russia and Georgia signed on Feb. 3. The treaty is a reaffirmation of the Russian role in Georgia, which President Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia felt obliged to accept to preserve his young nation against separatist forces.

The treaty provides the Russians with three military bases in Georgia. Russian troops will also now be formally stationed in war-torn Armenia and Azerbaijan. Was brought the Russian military back into those three Caucasus nations. Abundant oil and natural gas reserves in the new States of Central Asia — Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan — also create strong interest in Moscow in re-establishing a strong presence.

But a balancing factor, often overlooked, emerged clearly during a remarkable conversation among the five most important Muslim leaders of Central Asia that occurred recently at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. That factor is the sharp and unwelcome differences existing within the patchwork quilt of nations that were given independence and untouchable liberation by the Soviet collapse. Stashed together by self-interest and fear as well as geography, these new nations are determined to draw the Russians back in only far enough to preserve their own independence.

The West, accustomed to seeing the Soviet empire as a monolith, risks not seeing the Central Asian trees for the Russian forest. The United States and its European allies risk depriving the new states of vital room to maneuver by seeing events in the States of Central Asia only or largely through the prism of Russian nationalism and its history of expansionism.

This should be avoided. The Great Game, as the military-based diplomacy of the 19th century was styled, has become the Greater Game, with multiple actors and many possible

outcomes that the Russians will influence but not control.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan and President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey came to Davos to pitch their countries as natural geographic and financial outlets for the landlocked Central Asians. This hucksterism at a high level suggests the enormous stakes involved in the construction of new pipelines for oil and gas, transportation systems and financial networks out of Central Asia.

Islam Karimov, president of Uzbekistan, humbly rejected Miss Bhutto's simplistic assurances that the war in Afghanistan and Islamic fundamentalism are not major threats to the entire region. "Russia is the guarantor of security in Central Asia," he said.

But Mr. Karimov and Saparmyrat Niyazov, president of Turkmenistan, which already has three small U.S. oil companies operating on its soil, also indicated that they would resist efforts by Moscow to re-establish economic domination over their territories. "We give priority to Russia and to Turkey," Mr. Karimov said, point-

edly putting Ankara on the same footing economically as Moscow.

The most far-reaching and well established of the new leaders of Central Asia, Nursultan Nazarbayev, president of Kazakhstan, echoed that thought when I asked him if he considered Russia the guarantor of his security. He noted that his oil-rich nation is bordered by "huge states, Russia, China, Turkey," with whom Kazakhstan will maintain "an equality of friendship."

The best guarantor of security for Kazakhstan would be Western investment, which he implied would enable the Central Asians to ease themselves out of the Russian orbit.

These leaders accept that chicken coop entrance is a dangerous tactic. But with Western investment and Western diplomatic support for their diversity, they hope to keep the fox on the leash this time. It is too early to assume pessimistically that they will not be able to do that and thus help deprive them of that chance.

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North Korea: Clinton Could Invite Kim Il Sung to Join the World

By Mitchell Reiss

WASHINGTON — Time is rapidly running out for a peaceful solution to the North Korean nuclear crisis. Washington and Pyongyang are deadlocked in negotiations that now appear destined to fail. The United States must quickly reverse this downward spiral. Nothing less than personal intervention by President Bill Clinton will suffice.

For the past year, the United States has attempted to persuade North Korea to accept international safeguards on its nuclear activities and remain in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Pyongyang has denied inspectors unfettered access to all its nuclear facilities. Suspicious that North Korea was secretly building a bomb hardened in November when the U.S. intelligence community concluded that it probably

had one or two nuclear weapons.

The crisis may soon reach a point of no return. On Feb. 21, Hans Blix, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, is expected to report that the agency can no longer verify that North Korea is abiding by its safeguard obligations. He will then refer the matter to the United Nations.

This will trigger a cycle of action and reaction that will inflame tensions on the Korean Peninsula. The annual U.S.-South Korean Team Spirit military exercises, which Pyongyang has repeatedly said are provocative and must be canceled, will be scheduled for March. The promised third round of negotiations between the United States and the North will be canceled. The UN Security Council

will consider imposing economic sanctions on North Korea for violating its safeguard obligations. Regardless of the outcome, Pyongyang will formally withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to show the world that it cannot be bullied.

The situation will deteriorate further if the North then decides to shut down its Yongbyon nuclear research reactor and remove the core. Without international monitoring or safeguards, worst-case analysis will conclude that Pyongyang is reprocessing the spent fuel from the core to make a half-dozen additional nuclear bombs. Having failed to keep the North in the treaty or even to limit its stockpile of nuclear weapons, the Clinton administration may feel compelled to use its

new "counterproliferation strategy" to attack North Korea's nuclear sites.

But such a strike could result in a second Korean war, this time fought with weapons of mass destruction.

How can the United States avoid such a nightmare? Events have outpaced the North Korean and American officials who have been negotiating for the past 12 months. A dramatic gesture is needed to break the deadlock. President Clinton should undertake personal diplomacy by sending a letter to Kim Il Sung, the North Korean ruler. Mr. Kim, head of an extremely isolated regime, could not fail to be impressed. Nothing could be more flattering to him than to be treated as an equal by the leader of the most powerful country in the world.

What would such a letter say? Mr. Clinton should reiterate that the United

States has no aggressive designs on North Korea and rejects the idea of reunifying the peninsula by force. He could emphasize America's respect for the sovereignty and independence of the North. While stating that huge military forces on both sides of the demilitarized zone have preserved a fragile peace for more than 40 years, he should propose that Washington and Pyongyang seek a less confrontational and more mutually beneficial relationship. He should express hope for a peaceful solution to the current impasse and urge Mr. Kim to use his best efforts to achieve such a goal.

For President Clinton and the United States, there is little risk in sending such a letter and a potentially huge gain should North Korea permit international inspections and stay in the treaty. Like the 1952 pledge by President Dwight Eisenhower to "go to Korea" to end the Korean War, it is just the sort of dramatic gesture that might break the stalemate.

If Mr. Kim does not reply, or if the North's nuclear policy does not change, the United States has lost nothing. Mr. Clinton will have shown the world that he is willing to go the extra mile for peace in Korea.

His initiative would be especially appreciated by South Korea, which is increasingly fearful that American behavior may provoke the North. And it will be easier to get South approval to reinforce the U.S. military presence in the South if Mr. Clinton has demonstrated willingness to reach out to Mr. Kim.

Mr. Clinton would score political points in other ways as well. Beleaguered by foreign policy failures in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia, he needs to show that he can bring the passion, intelligence and creativity he has demonstrated on domestic affairs to the international arena.

It may be too late to solve the North Korean nuclear problem. But strong, confident leadership would reassure the American people and U.S. allies that Mr. Clinton is engaged and in control of events. Time is running out. Send the letter now.

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Taiwan: A Studied Exercise in Vacation Diplomacy

By Michael Leifer

TAIPEI — Diplomacy as an instrument of statecraft has taken many forms in recent years, including the summit and funeral varieties. From Taiwan, there now comes a novel concept: vacation diplomacy.

President Lee Teng-hui and his wife have set out for Indonesia and Thailand to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Republic of China, the political entity known as Taiwan.

For Taiwan, vacation diplomacy is a way of engaging in informal relationships with governments that have no intention of breaking their ties with Beijing. For example, last month Prime Minister Li Chuan and three cabinet colleagues vacationed in Singapore and Malaysia. They were received in both countries at the highest level of government.

A similar welcome has been expected in Indonesia from President Suharto and in Thailand from Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai. The Taiwan government has given up its pretension to be the government of all of China. It is still committed to unification, but on the basis of the formula "one China, two polities."

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charge that Taipei has been engaged in "money diplomacy." Mr. Lien acknowledged that "our biggest bargaining chip in foreign relations is our economic strength." Taiwan has extensive trade with and investment in Southeast Asia.

But vacation diplomacy is not a substitute for exclusive diplomatic recognition. Taiwan has been campaigning at the same time for a seat in the United Nations. Since China wields a veto in the Security Council, Taiwan's immediate aim is evidently to develop an association with the world body at a level below formal representation — observer status, perhaps, as well as membership in agencies, such as the World Bank, where Taiwan's economic strength would enable it to play a larger international role.

Taiwan preserves its de facto independence by having modern armed forces. Vacation diplomacy allows it to complement these military precautions to enhance its security.

By widening all forms of international association, Taiwan seeks to make mainland China's talk of unification on its own terms increasingly difficult to justify.

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By Robert B. Goldman

employment in the third quarter of 1993 rose by 6.5 percent. Buried amid news of new investments was a report that an Israeli company, Tadiran, was setting up a cellular telephone network in rural China.

What all this new political and economic activity adds up to is the big news of the "peace process." Not only does no responsible political leader or public or media figure question Israel's "right to exist" any longer (a demeaning formulation to begin with). With Israel's steadily advancing integration into the international community, there no longer exists a threat to her survival.

It was not long ago that it was accurate to say that Israel could not afford to lose a war, because that would mean the end of the country. In this history of reliance on the well-known superhuman performance of its military lie the roots of Israel's fanatic concern with national security — or, to put it more bluntly, its deep sense of insecurity. There is today an unarticulated sense of relief and hope that was not there before.

Along with acceptance by the world, there is bound to come more concern with the world beyond Lebanon, Syria and the West Bank. Acceptance implies a degree of responsibility toward those who accept. Perhaps the next challenge, while Israel makes and ensures peace with its neighbors, will be to match its contributions to tropical agriculture and state-of-the-art electronics with a quality of statecraft that transcends the neighborhood. After all, it was Israeli who coined that phrase about swords and plowshares.

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The Real Peace Process Is Going Well

By Robert B. Goldman

NEW YORK — Arriving in a farm village south of Tel Aviv on New Year's Eve was special was that we had been met by our Israeli family at the airport; usually one of the parents is too busy to come or one of our twin daughters has a cold. For Israel's new year had begun in September, on Rosh Hashanah. As for news, the big splash that mutual recognition between the Vatican and Israel had made in the American and European papers was not that mind-boggling to Israelis.

The story of Vatican and Israeli officials exchanging formal documents was front-page, but only a more special than the still continuing stream of newly or rekindled relations between the Jewish state and countries all over the world that until recently had refused to acknowledge Israel's existence.

The Vatican was special because of the lateness of its acknowledgment that the Holy Land is governed by Jews, and because of the tragedy-filled history between the two religious communities, which of course had a lot to do with the latest. When Rome said "yes" to a Jewish government headquartered in Jerusalem, more than 130 countries had already done so.

Dozens, particularly in Africa and Asia, which had shunned Israel because of threats from an Arab world backed by the might of the Soviet Union, are now doing diplomatic and economic business in Israel.

This, the end of the isolation of the Jewish state from much of the world community, is the real story

of Israel since the collapse of the Soviet Union. With that collapse, which has fundamentally changed so much in the world in the last few years, ended the possibility of an existence-threatening war for Israel. The supply of arms to hostile Arab states stopped or dribbled to little. Arab hostility lost its punch, and in some cases even its frown.

In this perspective, the peace process reinvigorated by the handshake that thrilled the world and yielded Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin a spot on that annual Time magazine cover was not such great news. To be sure, it was spectacular to witness. But it is only part of that larger process of Israel's acceptance in the world community.

Nor does it matter too much if the peace process takes longer and meets more obstacles than had been expected. The real peace process is that other one — recognition of Israel, trade with it; the quiet but very real breakdown of the Arab boycott; the steady

OPINION

Davos to Delhi: The Search For a Better, Richer World

By Flora Lewis

NEW DELHI — It is a long way from Davos to Delhi in practically every sense. The contrast was all the greater last week when I went from the power conference of a couple of thousand Important People, including a score of government heads and lots of big businessmen at the annual World Economic Forum in the chic Swiss resort, to a seminar in New Delhi on "Religion and Politics."

Davos was about money. It was about power, too, but the steady undercurrent was about the power to attract money, the importance of

nized by Unesco and the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation to discuss the tensions arising in today's world between the claims of religion and politics.

There were Christians, Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Confucians, addressing, from their different backgrounds, the issues of church and state, divine right and human rights, the secular North and the traditionalist South. Mostly, though, they shared a like-minded liberalism of spirit, a plea for tolerance, with the exception of a couple of fundamentalists whose arguments only confirmed the convictions of the others.

After all, these were intellectuals defending the right to think for themselves, which is indeed endangered in many of their societies by those who claim certain knowledge of what God wants them to think.

But at the same time they recognized the urge of religion as community, as identity, a solid framework for morality and a solace before the eternal mysteries of life and death, of human meaning.

It is a signal failure of modern intellectuals that they have been unable to supply a coherent basis for morality and ethics as an alternative to the traditional commands, put by the absolutists of religious authority in a way that denies free thought, individual investigation.

Science gives no answers. On the contrary, it is posing deeply troubling new questions once left only to religion. The churches respond from within the traditions that they have shaped into dogma.

Population is a familiar example. Historically, human survival depended on fertility. Multiply, say the scriptures. That has happened, to the point where future human survival may depend on restraint, on accepting limits which must be voluntary to preserve human dignity.

But there are newer, even more difficult dilemmas ahead, having to do with genetic manipulation, conception and birth in previously unimaginable circumstances, the whole new field of bioethics. The churches have had no new revelations? Where they dominate politics, they reject questioning, mount barriers, divide people and encourage turmoil even as they gather in the faithful.

So Delhi and Davos were not so far apart after all, searching for a more open world, better prospects. They both had a nagging, uneasy sense of something missing, surge of invention and money, and not much of an idea on how to deal with it. Both felt the fiery threat of the old demons, hatred, fanaticism, nationalism, misery, war, and were looking for ways to put them down. There's far to go.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bosnian Predicament

Regarding "And So It Continues in Sarajevo, Death by Death" (Opinion, Feb. 3) by Zlatko Dizdarevic:

The present predicament is the political choice not of the outside world but of the Bosnian government. The problem is President Alija Izetbegovic's calculated gamble not to negotiate seriously, in hopes that a military victory may yet produce a Muslim-dominated unitary Bosnian state—even against the will of its Christian (Serb and Croat) majority.

To ignore the Muslim rejection of the Geneva settlement and to focus attention on the suffering civilians of one side illustrates the meaning of the term "atrocity propaganda."

Casualties are fewer in Sarajevo today than a year ago, and the people are fed by the United Nations. Mass deaths can be avoided if the West rejects the moral blackmail of the Muslim authorities.

S. TRIFKOVIC, London.

Premature Independence

Regarding "More Meaningless Banalities" (Opinion, Feb. 8) by Jim Hoagland:

When, in 1992, the Bosnian Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, declared the country's independence without consulting its Serbs and Croats, he should have known that he thereby signed Bosnia's death warrant.

He may have been misled by the immediate recognition by Germany, a country whose constitution bars its soldiers from fighting abroad. Subsequent recognition by other countries and many

empty promises and "meaningless banalities" kept his hopes alive. Obviously of late he has been receiving arms and "volunteers" to fight back.

At this point further carnage in Sarajevo (for which the Serbs, for the first time, deny responsibility) is working in his favor, helped by professional public relations efforts in the United States.

It is time to curse all three houses and stop the Muslims from prolonging the war and the sufferings of the civilian population indefinitely. It should also be a warning to all nations not to recognize the independence of a split-off nation unless the majority of its people have given their consent.

RAINER ESSEN, Avignon, France.

The Ultimate Horror

Regarding "U.S. Leaders Ignore Genocide, Aide Says" (Feb. 3) by Tim Weiner:

The daily television pictures from Sarajevo confirm Hannah Arendt's dictum that the ultimate horror is that there is no horror. Europe stands by wringing its hands and waiting for American leadership, which is nowhere to be seen.

But surely the ultimate in moral bankruptcy has to be the statement by Timothy Wirth, the State Department counselor. Mr. Wirth is a defunct senator from Colorado, long-time Washington insider and Democratic Party worthy.

According to your article, a State Department colleague of Mr. Wirth's, Richard Johnson, said that Mr. Wirth agreed that "the moral stakes in Bosnia were high, but asserted that there were even higher moral stakes at play: 'the

survival of the fragile liberal coalition represented by this presidency."

So genocide has to take second place to Bill Clinton's re-election. As a former Democratic National Committeeman representing Democrats Abroad, I must ask in dismay: Can these Democrats be the heirs to Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt, to Harry Truman and Adlai Stevenson?

FRANCIS M. S. PEEL, New York.

Nonrabid Britain

Those who write about Britain's regulations concerning rabies forget the most important factor: There is no rabies in the wildlife of Britain.

Domestic animals can be immunized, wildlife cannot. When I was visited by a fox in my inner London garden, rabies never crossed my mind, only delight. Were rabies to enter Britain, this fox, and other urban wildlife, would have to be put down.

CHRISTINE S. FREMANTLE, London.

Latvian Jews

When visiting Riga, the capital of Latvia, late last year, I observed to my consternation that, in identification cards issued by the Latvian government, Jewish citizens of Latvia were not identified as Latvians but as "Jews." This is painfully close to the Nazi categorization system.

B. PRESS, Berlin.

Fresh Snow, Radiant Faces: Let the Memory Inform Us

By Greg Lewis

ASPEN, Colorado — I am haunted by a scene of peace and joy.

Scores of young people in brightly colored costumes dance to music of brotherhood and hope. Hand in hand, they frolic, smiling, laughing. Their rapture is infectious. A huge crowd, surrounding the dancers in a modern stadium, cheers in solidarity.

There are people from every part of the globe. Yet no one is counting numbers or measuring differences. All have

understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

Events make it easy to scoff at this idealism. The Tonya Harding affair mocks Olympic values. Politics and commercialism seem as much a part of the modern Games as computer timers. A recent book, "The Lords of the Rings," attacks the International Olympic Committee's members, methods and motives.

Of themselves, the Olympic rings are neither hallowed nor talismanic. But if you look past sport's bureaucrats, its hype and exploitation, you will find a transcendent Olympian spirit.

It enveloped me in Sarajevo, as I stood on the infield during opening ceremonies, surrounded by Serbs, Croats, Muslims and people of every other ethnic group and belief, celebrating together. It changed me in Seoul, where I walked among 10,000 reigning athletes during closing ceremonies. Representatives of every part of the human spectrum had come to beat one another and to prove they were the best, and they had — not by winning medals but by winning friends.

Olympians are coming together again, not as representatives of their sport or their country, but of their ideals. Two Olympians, the American Marilyn King (pentathlon, '72 and '76) and the Russian Yelena Petushkova (gold and silver medalist, dressage, '73) have gathered other Olympians to form an international organization called the Peace Team, to encourage people everywhere to look at peace as a common and achievable goal.

Scores of Olympians, as diverse as the gymnast Nadia Comaneci, the figure skater Scott Hamilton, the speed skater Bonnie Blair, the swimmer Donna DeVarona, and the downhill skier Franz Klammer, have joined in an effort to ensure that Olympic ideals do serve all humanity. Their partner in this effort is the Aspen Institute, a think tank.

Lillehammer has created its own humanitarian organization, Olympic Aid, raising funds to build a more peaceful world. And in September, the United Nations will open its doors for a meeting of the world's Olympians.

But first, there will be Lillehammer 1994. Hockey. Slalom. Bobsled. All the excitement. It should be a showcase for the best that mankind can be.

Watching these Games will make many of us wish we could have been Olympians. To the true spirit of the Olympics, we can. The choice is ours — to make the world like Sarajevo 1984, or Sarajevo today.

The writer is a television sports commentator who has covered four Olympic Games, and is a co-founder of Spirit of HOPE, based in Aspen, Colorado. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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Tracking Hungarian Green

By Alan Levy

BADACSONY, Hungary — The \$6.4-billion-a-year California wine industry claims Hungarian roots. Back in 1849, Count Agoston Haraszthy, always more soldier of fortune than aristocrat, arrived in San Diego just a few months after gold was discovered in the hills. Unable to stake his own claim as he roamed the territory, this failed '49er didn't fail to recognize other treasures: soil and sun even more ideal for grape-growing than his native continent's. He bought land up north in Sonoma and persuaded the governor of California to send him on a vineyard tour of Europe; there would be no fee, but expenses would be reimbursed.

In 1862, Haraszthy returned to California with 100,000 cuttings from 300 classic Old World wine-grape varieties, some of which, transplanted, did indeed grow grapes far finer than their native forebears. But California now was a state of the union and its legislature reneged on the territorial ex-governor's agreement to pay Haraszthy's \$12,000 expense account. Late and frustrated, the count moved south in quest of new fortune — but, crossing a stream in Nicaragua in 1869, he fell into the water and was eaten by alligators.

His sons, Arpad and Attila, who had stayed home to run the vineyards, built their winery into one of California's major labels, Buena Vista. Decades later, a delegation of Hungarian vinegrowers visited the New World and were especially taken with a semi-dry white wine called Green Hungarian that neither they nor anybody else in Hungary was able to trace.

Three years ago, while researching a travel guide to post-Communist Hungary, I first beheld the Badacsony, a spunky, coffin-like basalt peak of the highlands along the remote west end of Lake Balaton's otherwise tourist north shore. Actually, the 438-meter (1,437-foot) Mount Badacsony — its slopes rising from the lake — is an extinct volcano flanked by conical hills on which land has been tilled painfully and lovingly for centuries. There are vineyards everywhere and interesting, often splendid, white wines — most notably, the Big Three: Rieslings, Vekényi (Blue Stem) and Szekesbarat (Pinot Gris) whose makers maintain that "no vine will produce good wine unless it can see its own reflection in the lake." They believe it is not enough for the sun to shine on a vine; the underside of the leaves also need light, which is reflected from the lake's mirror-like surface. Others claim the wine draws its strength from the fire of old volcanoes and its color from sunlight on the lake.

In a tavern in the town — actually, a turn-of-the-century villa overlooking the lake — I told the tale of Count Haraszthy and his mysterious Green Hungarian to the innkeeper, Janos Peter. "I think I have the answer to the riddle," he said. Daring into his wine cellar, he emerged with a bottle of Zoldosilvani (Green Sylvaner) that, to the best of my memory, greatly resembled the Green Hungarian I tasted in California in 1989.

At the time, I was more interested in the saga of Janos Peter, who was looking like one of the new Hungary's first success stories. In the declining days of communism in the 1980s, he had leased the decaying villa from a trade union that had been using and abusing it and, by guaranteeing two years' hot meals free, assembled a team of workers to remodel it without pay. The house also served as kitchen and wine cellar for an adjoining garden restaurant. But this base camp was just the beginning of why his

neighbors, sometimes with mockery, referred to him as "Peter the Great."

His empire already straddled both sides of the road above, continuing through vineyards to a 600-seat stone-floored, vine-covered indoor-outdoor terrace restaurant, Szolostert (Garden of Grapes), with ceramic stove and Cinemascope views of Balaton and Badacsony. And, like any imperialist, Peter was planning expansion — to year-round, instead of June-September, operation, plus a partnership in a neighboring pension for overnight guests.

Late in 1993, I returned to Badacsony to see how Peter was faring and to try to solve the mystery of the Green Hungarian's source. To my dismay, Peter was no longer there. The Szolostert restaurant was now the Malibu discotheque. The pension hadn't opened all summer. But the Nagy family, at whose cozy country inn, Borbaratok (Friends of Wine), I took lodging, knew where to find him, for their eldest son, Istvan Jr., had taken over the lease on the Szolostert. Their second son, Miklos, offered to drive me 40 kilometers (25 miles) to the spa town of Hévíz, where Peter's newly opened Badacsony Wine Restaurant was bustling with business, even off-season.

A little thinner at 48, but no less jovial than when last we met, Janos Peter calls himself "one of the early victims of Hungarian capitalism."

"The present government didn't respond kindly to my kind of privatization," he said, "so I could obtain no federal subsidies or loans and therefore couldn't find any partners because the system wanted me to start from scratch." In other words, having made deals with a communist union and its workers at a time when communists were the only people with whom one could deal had cost him dearly. A mild heart attack at the beginning of 1993 convinced him to bow out before the struggle consumed him.

Instead, he bought out a state-run strip-tease-and-jazz club and transformed it into

My courier drove two hours from San Francisco to Sonoma on northern California's rainiest day of 1993. She arrived by back roads after a flash flood had washed out the bridge from the winery to the Haraszthy house, between the bell tower and the ruins of the guest house, which had caught fire on Thanksgiving night. Jan Haraszthy chilled the wines before filling two Buena Vista glasses with the Nagys' 1984 Green Sylvaner, which he studied, swirled and sniffed before pronouncing, "Nice bouquet," sipping and saying: "I like that very much. Sometimes white wines are so delicate they're anemic. This is not one of those. This has a full flavor."

After a few more sips, Haraszthy asked his visitor: "Did you read 'Sesame and Lilies' in high school?"

Not entirely surprised by the blank look this elicited, he went on: "In it, John Ruskin said, 'Words are the unjust stewards of men's ideas.' I hesitate to say too much, I would almost say it's an aggressive wine. No, 'strong' and 'aggressive' are not the right words. This wine has personality, it has the flavor of the grape. Character, lots of character. A remarkable wine."

JANOS PETER'S 1990 he liked a little less, though he noted that its relative youth made it smoother and darker. Since, for some of the same reasons the Communists gave, Buena Vista no longer makes Green Hungarian or any other Sylvaner, he trotted out a bottle of Weibel's Green Hungarian, which he praised as "what we drink at home." It was sweeter than either Zoldosilvani. But now came the key question: Were the wines related?

"Almost certainly no," he replied. "One fact that's very little known is that my grandfather couldn't go back to Hungary in the 1870s because he'd supported the 1848 revolt against the Habsburgs and there was a price on his head. So none of the grapes he brought back came from Hungary. They all were from France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Austria; somehow he got into Austria, even though it was Habsburg headquarters. And I would guess that Green Hungarian is of Austrian origin."

The Austrian border is barely 65 kilometers (miles) from Badacsony. The search for the Green Hungarian's roots goes on.

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THE MOVIE GUIDE



Scenes from "Wrestling Ernest Hemingway" (top), "The Friends" (bottom left) and "The Blue Kite."

The Friends

Directed by Shiji Somai. Japan.

Three little boys befriended an old recluse, fix up his derelict house and find that the funny old lady down the street may have been his great love back in ancient wartime days. The old gent is Rentaro Mikami, one of Japan's finest film actors, the funny lady is Chikage Awashima, remembered from some of the best films of the '50s, and Somai directed the 1986 "Typhoon Club" and last year's splendid "Ohkoshi." Nonetheless, all are defeated by a stereotypical script based on a commercial children's novel. The three two-dimensional kids (the sensitive one, the smart one, the fat one) are incited with the social virtues (be respectful to your elders, help the poor) and — as opines one of the adults at the end — learn a valuable lesson. I have no idea what it is — perhaps not to make an "Our Gang" segment that lasts two hours. (Donald Richie, IHT)

Gunmen

Directed by Deran Sarafian. U.S.

Who would have thought that Christopher Lambert, the stony-faced hero of "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan," had a sense

of humor? His career has included some unintentional comedy, but the planned goofiness of his performance in "Gunmen" is the best surprise in this otherwise wild action movie. Lambert's character, a smuggler named Dani, reluctantly becomes part of a buddy team with a drug-enforcement agent named Cole, played by Mario Van Peebles. The plot involves a boatload of stolen drug money. Lambert's character is ingenious and not too bright. Van Peebles is cagey, though not as cagey as he thinks. They might have been an engaging team, but they are stranded without a script. Lambert's humor comes from comic grimaces rather than anything he is given to say. Lambert and Van Peebles are planning to team up again in "Highlander III." Get them a script, fast. (Caryn James, NYT)

The Blue Kite

Directed by Tian Zhuang-zhuang. China.

Mao's regime, with its banners, chants, and slogans like "The Great Leap Forward," sounds like a natural for a movie. But getting the movie made amid past the censors is still a hazardous business. After Chen Kaige and Zhang Yimou, a film Zhuangzhuang has made a

celebrated abroad, banned at home. The story is told through the eyes of Tietou, a boy who survives the shifting dictates of a capricious regime. In a Beijing neighborhood that looks like a village square, family life is ground to dust. Tietou's mother (Lu Liping) is widowed three times; each of his "fathers" makes Tietou a kite that flies high briefly, ending up in tatters. The first husband, denounced by the second, dies in exile, the last falls victim to the Cultural Revolution; the mother is sent to a work camp. The action is minimal, scenes are shot mostly indoors at a dinner table, where the remaining members of this decimated family gather, with strained smiles, under the pall of dejection, humiliation and banishment. Three remarkable boys play Tietou at different ages: Yi Tian, Zhang Wenyao, Chen Xiaonan. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Wrestling Ernest Hemingway

Directed by Randa Haines. U.S.

Richard Harris and Robert Duvall are an "odd couple" of colorful codgers in "Wrestling Ernest Hemingway," an endearing buddy movie for the

senior crowd. Harris is in full strut as a former sea captain, Frank, recently beached in Sweetwater, a faded Florida resort town. Abandoned by his son to a seedy apartment building beside the sea, he finds the transition difficult. Moby Dick would find it easier to get comfortable in a goldfish bowl. It's a friend he needs, and it's a friend he gets. Duvall, whose performance is as controlled as Harris's is overblown, obviously fell head over heels in love with the role of Walter, a fussy, Cuban bachelor with a passion for bacon sandwiches, crossword puzzles and ballroom dancing alone in his room. Duvall, a model of old-world courtliness and age-stiffened movements, also manages to sound more like a Havana homeboy than Ricky Ricardo. Aside from their loneliness, the two men have little in common, but they are increasingly drawn together and soon become inseparable. Neither man, you see, has really had a life. Walter has never tripped the light fantastic with an actual woman — only fantasies. And Frank, the eternal child, has never grown up. They do grow, of course, into better versions of themselves — a process that is profound if not surprising. (Rita Kempley, WP)

Stress Relief, Italian TV Style

By Ken Shulman

FLORENCE — In the midst of the journey through their evening, Italy's television audience finds itself once again in Dante Alighieri's savage world. Each Monday and Friday, between the end of the early movie and the beginning of the late night news, the actor Vittorio Gassman reads a canto from "La Divina Commedia," the nation's (and perhaps the world's) most treasured poem.

Dante's delightful terza rima is not just highbrow TV fare. The first 15-minute reading — on Dec. 12 — attracted nearly 3 million viewers. In their first three episodes, Gassman and Dante have averaged close to a 10-percent audience share, quite a draw for serious, erudite theater.

This is just an indication of how relevant Dante is to our time," says Rubino Rubini, who directs Gassman in the 40-episode series. "There is not one canto in 'The Inferno' that does not contain at least two verses that are part of our common parlance today." Historically, public readings of Dante have served more than the cause of literature. The poet Giovanni Boccaccio gave the first public reading of "The Divine Comedy" in Santa Croce church in Florence in 1373 as the city's posthumous apology for having exiled Dante. In the early 19th century, Italian actors unfurled the work of the poet who had given their country its language as a rallying cry for national unity.

Aside from getting good ratings, the latest

Dante project has another, very 1990s aim: to heal and make whole.

"I am convinced that 'The Divine Comedy' helps us to live better," says Rubini, who also directed Gassman in his 1992 stage and television drama, "Ulysses and the White Whale." "I think the poem helps us to tolerate waiting in traffic, working lunches, television programs and that bustling vulgarity that some people try to pass off as modern life. Given that there is a moment during the day when a person has to watch television, we are not displeased that in that moment a person can stumble onto 'The Divine Comedy.'"

So, instead of "The Wheel of Fortune" or "Beavis and Butt-head," Italy is offered one of the most magnificent works of world literature. Popular and somewhat melodramatic, Gassman's Dante is more like a vaccine than a cure. Gassman prescribes small, regular doses of poison in order to render

viewers immune to the toxins of daily life.

And because Hell is obviously a more effective antiseptic than Heaven, 34 of the 40 cantos in the series come from "The Inferno."

The readings were filmed from May to July, in 8- to 10-hour sessions that usually included two full cantos. It was a draining enterprise for the crew, and especially for Gassman, who experienced a profound depression during his journey through Dante's epic poem.

"You can't confront 'The Divine Comedy' without suffering some wound," says the 71-year-old actor. "It is a plunge into the mysteries of the soul, into suffering. I worked like a beast. The poet's pages tortured me. But when we finished, I felt a liberation. The journey was over. And I was cured."

It remains to be seen whether Gassman's encounter with Dante will prove as therapeutic for his audience as it was for the actor. Critics charge that he imposes too much of his own personality on the poet. Still, whether attracted by Dante or by Gassman, viewers continue to tune their sets to the first channel between 10:45 and 11:00 P.M. and to purchase the set of 22 "Gassman Reads Dante" videotapes.

"I tried to read Dante in a clear way," says the actor. "To make him comprehensible by respecting the metric rules of the poem. I wanted to stress that in Dante, the form of his language is identical to its content. I wanted to sound every word."

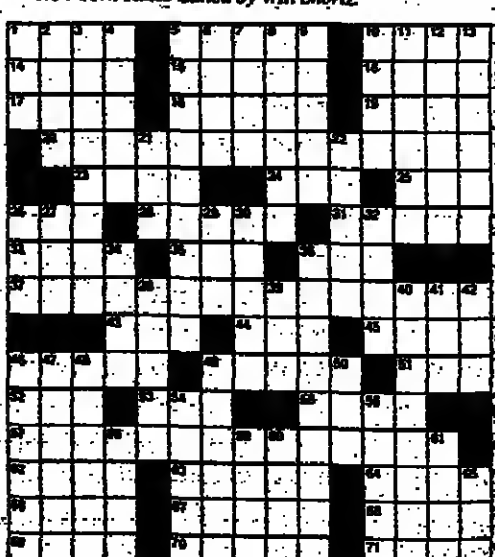
Ken Shulman is an American writer based in Italy.

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February's Hottest Festival: Meltdown in Albuquerque

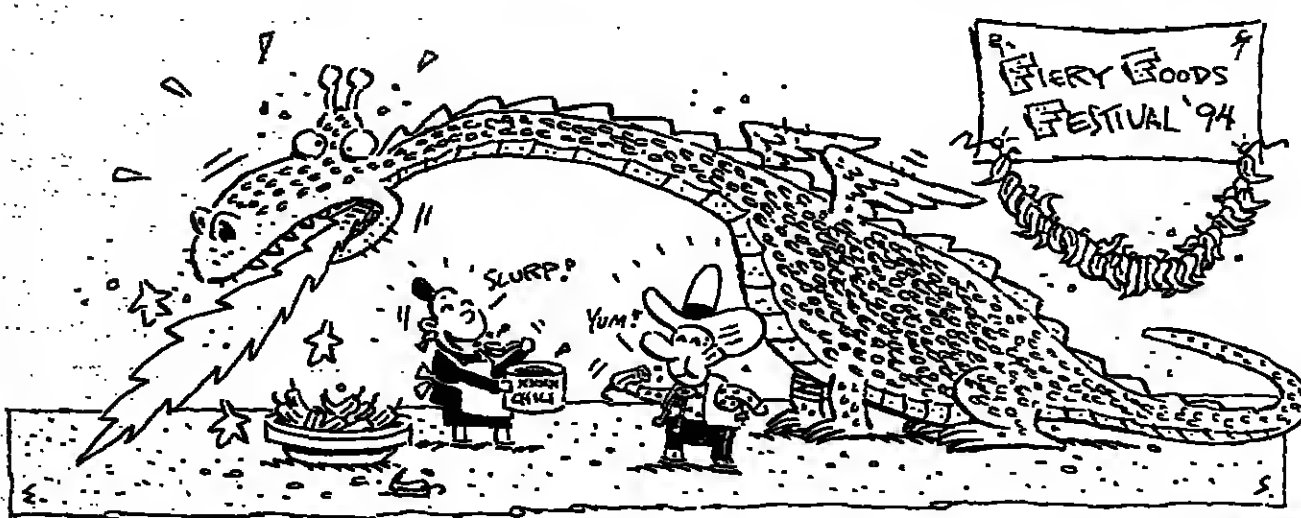
By Richard Lerner

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico — Every February, in the heart of the Southwest, lovers of the chili pepper gather to taste, sell and talk peppers. The Fiery Foods Festival, which also bills itself as the Meltdown, is the cutting edge of *Capsicum*, the genus of vegetables that gives us sweet bell peppers, the moderately hot jalapeño and the searing habanero. The festival, held at Albuquerque Convention Center, is the brainchild of Mary Jane Wilson and Dave DeWitt. This husband-and-wife team brought us "Whole Chile Pepper Book" (with Nancy Gerlach), "Food Lover's Handbook to the Southwest" and Chile Pepper Magazine. (The word is spelled chili or chile, depending on the region.)

This year the festival will take place from Feb. 18 to 20. The first day is for buyers in the food industry; the second and third days are open to the public. Anyone who pays the entry fee of \$4 can sample his way through the center in pursuit of the "chili high," an endorphin-releasing response to what would otherwise be a painful experience.

With more than a hundred exhibitors serving up dozens of varieties of chilies, the festival is testament not only to the appeal that has made salsa a challenge to ketchup's supremacy, but also to the seductive nature of food itself. There are a few medium-sized companies at the festival, but most exhibitors are simply free spirits with a recipe, gambling on the romance of the chili pepper, which has become the most ubiquitous symbol of Southwestern style, gracing everything from boxer shorts to wind chimes. Even New Mexico's professional soccer team is named the Chiles.

Although chilis are a versatile foodstuff, as attested to by their use in everything from



pasta to peanut brittle, the important characteristic is the burn. The sensation, caused by the chemical capsaicin, ranges from a mild tingle to searing pain, and evokes a passionate response in the hearts and mouths of the faithful.

Susanne Hilou, a young Texan who quit her job as a stockbroker to create Taste Teasers, a company selling hot foods with a Texan bent, exemplifies the irreverent fiery food entrepreneur. Under her businesslike blazer she wears a pepper-festooned bustier.

She handed me a sample of her sweet jalapeño spread, the Ultimate Texas Jam, smeared on a cracker with some cream cheese. "It's my mom's recipe," she said. "Instead of Wonder bread, I grew up on jalapeño spread and corn relish." Hilou is now putting the jalapeño spread in fine European dark chocolates, which she markets

under the name Hot Chocolates. For more burn, she has marinated black beans with peppers.

Burn is, of course, a matter of taste. Dave's Gourmet, maker of Dave's Insanity Sauce, is trying to create the hottest culinary experience known to man. The founder, Dave Hirschkopf, was on hand at the last festival, wearing a straitjacket and making tasters sign a joke waiver before allowing people to test his sauce. "Most of the sauces are limited by using the hottest peppers," he says. "We've gone beyond that by using pepper extract, which is much hotter. Any hotter would be irresponsible."

Another company that caters to adherents of the "hotter is better" philosophy is Religious Experience Foods of Grand Junction, Colorado. Its Religious Experience Hot Sauce, which I sampled at the festival, comes in four

degrees: mild, original, hot and the wrath.

Jeffrey Gerlach, president of Los Dos de Albuquerque, a distributor of products made by Quetzl Co., has a different philosophy about heat. "Our emphasis is on flavor," he says. "It's always easy to add heat — that's a cowardly way to produce a hot sauce." Quetzl says it spent six years in Costa Rica developing its version of the habanero chili, according to research the hottest chili around. At the show last February some of Quetzl's products were so hot they did not even have labels. Its five sauces, Caribbean and Central American in origin, are made with the rice red chili. One of the company's more unusual flavors was Banana Rama sauce, a concoction of habanero, banana, tamarind, brown sugar and other spices.

Hot food means barbecue to many, of course, especially in the Southwest. Sam

Bass's barbecue sauce, called Notorious, tied for second place in the 1993 barbecue category, although it was my personal favorite. "I started with it in about 1983," said Bass, who was once in the oil business. "I got it to where I wanted about three years ago. It tastes sweet, it tastes smoky, then a little hot comes in back behind it."

Much of the food at the '93 festival was produced in the Southwest and the Caribbean — but there are some surprises. Tied for first place in the marinade category was Mrs. Dog's Jerk Sauce, a variety of a Jamaican sauce. Mrs. Dog is the name of a golden retriever owned by Julie Applegate of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Applegate, who also makes a superb Disappearing Mustard Sauce, says peppers helped her overcome chronic fatigue syndrome. She says her "mission is to spice up the Midwest."

Crazy Cajun, a company from Petaluma, California, makes a barbecue sauce that uses brewed coffee for added flavor. The second-place salsa winner, Jose Madrid, was from Zanesville, Ohio. The biggest catalogue of products belonged to Lotta Hotta, a company from Overland Park, Kansas, devoted to finding and developing fiery foods.

Julie Feldman, who makes spicy pesto sauces, a sort of Mexican-Italian blend, calls her company Spaghetti Western. Mary Dawn Wright, a classically trained French chef, gave up her catering business to start World Harvest, a pasta company. She works with a part-time employee. Among her pasta flavors are Red Chile, Green Chile, Thai Chile Peanut, Salsa! Salsa! and Chipotle Pepper.

Extremes and odd pairings are the salient feature at the show. A visitor can start with a Sumptuous Selections Bloody Mary, accompanied by the chili-coated nuts of Enchanted Desert Products, move along to the various meat, fish and chicken dishes and finish with Lotta Hotta's Jalapeño Dutch Chocolate

Fudge. A suitable accompaniment would be the 1993 winner of the most unusual product award, Cave Creek Chile Beer, made by the brothers Ed and Dick Chiltren.

Cave Creek is a pilsener beer with a whole serrano pepper in each bottle. The pepper releases most of its heat into the beer, leaving a pleasant tasting and relatively mild beer-scented pepper. "It kind of grows on you," says Ed Chiltren, "like salsa and chips."

Herb Schon of New York, second-place winner in the unusual product category, has added jalapeño rugelach to the other varieties offered by Grandma's Recipe Rugelach. El Rancho, as he calls it, is surprisingly sweet and unshocking. Schon says he has obtained kosher certification for the product and hopes to move his operation to the Southwest.

ALTHOUGH the festival food may be international, New Mexico still reigns as Chili Land, with the potent little peppers are sold from the backs of pickup trucks and in abandoned gasoline stations, where salsa is on every restaurant table, and one gets used to the question "Red or green?" in short order.

And though exhibitors come and go, each year the Fiery Foods Festival continues to grow. This year's festival will have 125 exhibitors, with a large Caribbean contingent and 10 chefs demonstrating their techniques.

For the curious, one visit may be enough, but for the true chili lover two days are too short for tasting such delights as Heart of the Desert's New Mexico Chile Pistachios, Saguardo's chili and lime-flavored, hand-cooked potato chips, Dope Alfonso's chipotles in adobo, Virginia Fire's hot sauces from St. John, and a volcano's worth of salsa, marinades and barbecue sauces.

Richard Lerner, who frequently travels to the southwestern United States, wrote this for The New York Times.

THE ARTS GUIDE

AUSTRIA

Vienna
Kunsthof der Bank Austria, tel: (222) 531-24, open daily. Continuing/To Feb. 20: "Barock in Neapel. Paintings and sketches of the Neapolitan school of Baroque in the 17th and 18th centuries."
Kunsthaus Wien, tel: 712-0495, open daily. To May 1: "Le Corbusier, the Architect — Charles-Edouard Jenneval, the Painter." As an architect, Le Corbusier (1893-1965) became world famous, as the painter he remained Charles-Edouard Jenneval. The exhibition features 150 drawings, paintings, sculptures, architectural models and tapestry.
Museum Moderner Kunst im Palais Liechtenstein, tel: 317-6900, closed Mondays. To April 4: "Anne et Patrick Poirier." Subjective reconstructions, built from charcoal, clay, marble or wood, and inspired by archaeological traces of past civilizations.

BELGIUM

Brussels
Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire, tel: (2) 741-7211, closed Mondays. To April 17: "Miniatures Mogholes de l'Inde." Miniatures from the New Delhi museum, depicting life at the court of the Mogul emperors, harem scenes, and scenes from epic poems such as "Ramayana."

BRITAIN

Belfast
Grand Opera House, tel: 36-1241. Rossini's "Barber of Seville." Directed by Stephen Lawless, conducted by Stephen Barlow, with William Burdette, Kate McCarney and Geoffrey Dalton. Feb. 26, March 1, 3 and 5.

Cambridge

The Fitzwilliam Museum, tel: (223) 332-900, closed Mondays. To May 1: "Hiroshige: Snow, Moon and Flowers." Three triptychs as well as single-sheet prints.

London

British Museum, tel: (71) 323-6525, open daily. To April 17: "Himalayas and Japanese Art from the Schimmel-Meade Collection." The Tibetan and Nepalese material contains a wide range of fine religious images, including the Buddha and bodhisattvas, minor deities, lamas and historical religious figures. The tea ceremony pottery dates from the 15th to the 20th centuries.
Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 439-7438, open daily. Continuing/To April 2: "The Unknown Modigliani." More than 300 works by the Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani from 1906 to 1924. Also Continuing/To April 6: "In Pursuit of the Absolute: Art in the Ancient World." 300 masterpieces from the George Ortiz collection, including Sumerian carvings, Egyptian sculptures and Greek bronzes, vases and jewelry, as well as a selection of works from the cultures of Africa, the Americas and the Pacific Islands.
Victoria and Albert Museum, tel: (71) 589-6371, open daily. Continuing/To April 10: "Fabergé: Imperial Jeweller."

Manchester

The Whitworth Art Gallery, tel: (61) 273-4655, closed Sundays. To March 5: "Shadow of the Forest: Prints from the Barbizon School." Works by the mid-19th-century painters of French landscape, as well as prints by Bonington and Constable, both strong influences on those artists.

Oxford

Ashmolean Museum, tel: (01865) 278010, closed Mondays. To March 27: "Director's Choice: Netherlandish Drawings from the 15th to 17th Centuries." Works by Rembrandt, Rubens and other lesser-known artists.

FRANCE

Marseille
Musée de La Mode, tel: 91-14-82, closed Mondays. Continuing/To March 27: "Yves Saint Laurent: Exotisme."
Paris
Centre Georges Pompidou, tel: 44-78-12-33, closed Tuesdays. To May 9: "La Ville: Art et Architecture en Europe 1870-1930." Paintings, drawings and photographs show how the European towns of today were planned, perceived and idealized by architects and artists from the end of the 19th century to date. The end of the 19th century is the focus of the exhibition, which is part of the museum's project on "La Ville" that in-



Left, Tibetan art at the British Museum in London; Fernand Léger's "Breakfast" in Tel Aviv show.

Alessandro Cassis and Denis Mazzola Gavazzoni. Feb. 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, March 1 and 3.

Naples

Teatro San Carlo, tel: (81) 797-2111. Donizetti's "La Somnambula." Directed by Sandro Sequi, conducted by Richard Bonynge with Mariella Davis. Feb. 26, March 1, 3, 5 and 8.

Venice

Chiesa San Bartolomeo, open daily. To May 1: "Il Tintoretto: Rappresentazioni Sacre nelle Chiese Veneziane." 15 large religious pictures including "The Christening" and "The Last Supper" from the churches of San Polo and San Silvestro.

JAPAN

Kyoto
Art Gallery in Amagasaki Cultural Center, tel: 06-487-0808, closed Tuesdays. To Feb. 20: "Kazuka Iwasaki Space Art." More than 160 paintings by the space artist who depicts astrological scenes based on his own observations through his homemade telescope.

Tokyo

Hakone Open Air Museum, tel: (4) 822-1161. To March 21: "Arnold Pomodoro." 73 works including sculptures and prints by contemporary Italian sculptor.
National Museum of Western Art, tel: (3) 3822-5131, closed Mondays. Continuing/To April 3: "Great French Pairings from the Barnes Collection." Pictures selected from the collection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes in Philadelphia.

USA

Chicago
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MARKET DIARY

Focus on Inflation Weighs on Stocks

NEW YORK — U.S. stock and Treasury bond prices fell Thursday on concern that Friday's producer price report for January would show resurgent inflation.

The producer price report will be the first major set of inflation data to be released since the Federal Reserve Board pushed up the federal funds rate, which is the rate banks charge each other for loans, on Feb. 4. Rising inflation could spur the central bank to push rates higher, analysts said.

N.Y. Stocks

High rates pressure stock prices because capital for business expansion becomes expensive, and alternative investments such as certificates of deposit and money-market accounts offer improved yields.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 35.58 points, at 3,895.34. Declining issues outpaced advances by 5 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stocks also got a jolt from comments by Elaine Garzarelli, a Lehman Brothers analyst who is credited with predicting the 1987 market collapse. Ms. Garzarelli said stocks normally fall 10 percent to 15 percent in response to an initial increase in interest rates by the Fed. She also

said she remained bullish on the stock market in the long term.

Considering her remarks did not represent a shift in opinion, the slump in stocks shows how concerned investors are about rising interest rates, traders said.

Automotive issues were active for a second day, with General Motors losing 1 1/2 to 66 despite reporting a profit for 1993. Ford fell 1/4 to 66, and Chrysler dropped 1/4 to 59 1/2 in active trading.

In the over-the-counter market, Egghed 1 to 9 1/2 after the software company said retail price discounting slashed third-quarter earnings by a third.

LM Ericsson's American depositary receipts dropped 2 1/2 to 42 1/2, despite the telecommunications equipment company's report that its profit doubled in 1993. Ericsson slipped with a sell-off that hit most Stockholm stocks. (Page 13)

In the bond market, inflation concerns outweighed support from strong demand at the final leg of the Treasury's quarterly refinancing. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was down 11 1/2 at 97 1/2 in late trading, with the yield rising to 6.44 percent from 6.41 percent.

The government sold \$11 billion in 30-year bonds at an average yield of 6.43 percent to finish up its \$40 billion quarterly refunding. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

German Rate Doubts Drive Down the Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar fell in active trading Thursday after a member of the Bundesbank's policymaking body hinted the German central bank might not be inclined to reduce interest rates immediately.

The member, Hans-Jürgen Krupp, said the Bundesbank would not take any action that could cause the dollar to "overshoot" against the Deutsche mark.

Mr. Krupp also was quoted as saying the Bundesbank was monitoring the effect on the foreign-exchange market of the Federal Reserve Board's increase in short-term U.S. interest rates last week. The dollar has risen against the mark and other major European currencies since the Fed acted.

Earlier, Otto Lambsdorff, a former German economics minister, was quoted as saying that Friday's increase by the Fed had made it difficult for the Bundesbank to cut rates.

At the end of New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.7534 DM, down from 1.7575 DM on Wednesday, and at 108.25 yen, compared with 108.35 yen. The U.S. currency fell to 5.914 French francs from 5.975, but it edged up to 1.4793 Swiss francs from 1.4785.

The pound, rebounding from a seven-year low reached Wednesday, rose to \$1.4625 from \$1.4605.

Some analysts said that Tuesday's quarter-point reduction in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate appeared to have been inspired more by political than by economic factors, damaging the credibility of British officials.

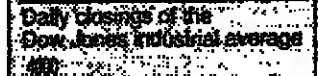
Amy Smith, senior foreign-exchange analyst for the consulting firm IDEA, said one of the reasons the dollar eased against the yen was a belief the U.S.-Japanese trade talks were not likely to succeed and the U.S. Treasury might try to "talk the yen higher" as a means of reducing Japan's trade surplus.

Hugh Walsh, a dealer at ING Capital Markets, said traders had started selling dollars for marks and Swiss francs after the dollar retreated below 1.7640 DM on Wednesday. He said more selling orders had been triggered Thursday when the dollar fell below a support level at 1.7550 DM. (AP, Reuters)

Via Associated Press Feb. 10

The Dow

Daily Change of the Dow Jones Industrial Average



1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994

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NYSE Most Active

Vol.	High	Low	Last	Chg.
General Electric	27.94	27.94	27.94	-1/4
IBM	25.12	25.12	25.12	-1/4
Microsoft	24.12	24.12	24.12	-1/4
Oracle	23.12	23.12	23.12	-1/4
United Technologies	22.12	22.12	22.12	-1/4
3M	21.12	21.12	21.12	-1/4
Boeing	20.12	20.12	20.12	-1/4
Johnson & Johnson	19.12	19.12	19.12	-1/4
Walmart	18.12	18.12	18.12	-1/4
Merck	17.12	17.12	17.12	-1/4

NASDAQ Most Active

Vol.	High	Low	Last	Chg.
Intel	27.94	27.94	27.94	-1/4
Northern Telecom	25.12	25.12	25.12	-1/4
World Wide Web	24.12	24.12	24.12	-1/4
Electronic Data Systems	23.12	23.12	23.12	-1/4
Computer Associates	22.12	22.12	22.12	-1/4
Sun Microsystems	21.12	21.12	21.12	-1/4
PerkinElmer	20.12	20.12	20.12	-1/4
Amgen	19.12	19.12	19.12	-1/4
Genentech	18.12	18.12	18.12	-1/4
Amgen	17.12	17.12	17.12	-1/4

NYSE Diary

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Dow Jones Averages

Open	High	Low	Last	Chg.
3,895.34	3,900.00	3,890.00	3,895.34	-35.58
10,100.00	10,110.00	10,090.00	10,100.00	-10.00
1,000.00	1,010.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-10.00
100.00	101.00	100.00	100.00	-1.00

Standard & Poor's Indexes

High	Low	Last	Chg.
527.47	527.47	527.47	-1.18
4,412.47	4,412.47	4,412.47	-1.18
1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-1.18
100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.18

NYSE Indexes

High	Low	Last	Chg.
2,212.12	2,212.12	2,212.12	-1.18
1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-1.18
100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.18
10.00	10.00	10.00	-1.18

NASDAQ Indexes

High	Low	Last	Chg.
708.48	708.48	708.48	-1.17
1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-1.17
100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.17
10.00	10.00	10.00	-1.17

AMEX Stock Index

High	Low	Last	Chg.
4,412.47	4,412.47	4,412.47	-1.18
1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-1.18
100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.18
10.00	10.00	10.00	-1.18

Dow Jones Bond Averages

Open	High	Low	Last	Chg.
101.00	101.00	101.00	101.00	-0.01
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.01
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.01
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-0.01

Market Sales

NYSE	NYSE	NYSE	NYSE
32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000
32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000
32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000
32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000	32,250,000

NYSE Odd-Lot Trading

Buy	Sell	Trade
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S&P 100 Index Options

Strike	Call	Put	Trade
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EUROPEAN FUTURES

Class	High	Low	Prev. Close
Food	100.00	100.00	100.00
Metals	100.00	100.00	100.00
Grains	100.00	100.00	100.00

Food

High	Low	Prev. Close
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Metals

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Grains

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3-MONTH STERLING (LUFF)

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3-MONTH EURO DOLLARS (LUFF)

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3-MONTH EURO DOLLARS (LUFF)

Strong Year for Communications

Ericsson Profit Doubles

Stockholm — Profit at Ericsson AB more than doubled in 1993 on strong growth in the mobile telephone business and a devaluation of the Swedish krona.

The telecommunications equipment company said Thursday it earned 3.1 billion kronor (\$385 million) in 1993, compared with 1.36 billion in 1992. Sales rose to 62.9 billion kronor from 47 billion. The company plans to raise its dividend to 4.5 kronor per share from 3.5.

Despite the better-than-expected results, Ericsson's stock fell 5 kronor, to 356 kronor, amid a wave of selling on the Stockholm bourse. The Affarsvechden index fell 1.8 percent, to 1,793.02, and traders said there were few people interested in buying Swedish stocks.

Lars Ramqvist, chairman of Ericsson, said he expected even higher profit in 1994.

The 1993 earnings report was led by a 70 percent sales increase in the company's mobile communications division, where orders

have increased for nine consecutive quarters.

Ericsson said it has cornered a 40 percent share of worldwide mobile analog market and holds an even greater share of the digital market. Asian markets, in particular, showed strong growth.

As evidence of that, the company said Thursday it had won a mobile telephone system order from Thailand worth 150 million kronor.

The 20 percent devaluation of the Swedish currency in late 1992 also has begun to have a positive impact on earnings, the company said. A drop in value of the krona spurred increased sales to foreign customers.

Ericsson said it had unfilled orders totaling 67.6 billion kronor at the end of 1993, compared with 53.4 billion at the end of 1992.

Earnings in the fourth quarter were reduced by a goodwill charge of 305 million kronor.

Mr. Ramqvist said the company would concentrate on research and development.

(Bloomberg, AFP)

Analysts Pleased with BT

London — British Telecommunications PLC said third-quarter pretax profit after charges for layoffs was £698 million (\$10 million), down 1 percent from the £705 million earned in the year-end period but at the top end of analysts' expectations.

The company took a £142 million charge for layoffs in the quarter ended Dec. 31, bringing total costs of layoffs in the first three quarters of its financial year to £292 million.

Analysts were expecting BT to earn between £660 million and £700 million, and the results briefly sent shares higher in London.

"From our perspective, it was a great quarter," said Robert Morris, an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co., which had predicted pretax profit of £683 million.

Earnings got a boost from increasing telephone call volume, which analysts saw as a sign of consumer confidence in the British economy. But some of that rise in phone use was spurred by special discounts and other rate cuts.

Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman

of British Telecommunications, said the steady growth in demand for service offset the impact of price cuts on the bottom line.

But he added that the full impact of reductions under the current year's price-increase cap "has yet to be felt."

Domestic telephone-call sales grew by 2.3 percent in the nine months and by 3.9 percent in the third quarter.

"The main theme is that inland call volumes continue on a secure growth trend," an analyst said.

"This is the third or fourth quarter of improved volume, and they've made the point that growth is outweighing increasing discounts."

BT said sales in the quarter were £343 billion, up from 3.28 billion in the 1992 quarter. In the nine months, sales were £10.20 billion, up from £9.81 billion.

International telephone call sales increased by 8.3 percent in the nine months, but the impact of that growth was offset by rate reductions. Telephone-exchange line rental revenue increased by 8.8 percent in the nine months.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

BP Returns to Profit Despite Decline In Energy Prices

London — British Petroleum Co. said Thursday it earned £896 million (\$131 million) in 1993, turning around from a £352 million loss in 1992.

The results reflected the company's efforts to buffer itself from plunging crude oil prices by cutting costs and selling various assets. But the company said ample supplies and uncertain demand meant the outlook for oil prices remains weak.

Analysts had been expecting BP to post a larger profit, with most expecting about £1.03 billion.

"They are slightly disappointing results," said Philip Morgan, an analyst with Paribas Capital Markets in London. "The boost from asset sales and exchange rates is unlikely to be repeated in 1994, but this year's figures should still show a slight improvement."

For a while, investors apparently shared that sentiment, bidding the company's stock up to a 52-week high before selling off on a reassessment of longer-term earnings potential in the face of still-weak oil prices. BP shares ended down 5 pence, at 385 pence.

BP also reported that fourth-quarter earnings fell 72 percent from the year-ago period, to £54 million from £193 million. Results for the quarter were reduced by a one-time £284 million charge for reorganizing the company's European chemicals operation.

Lower Costs Help Statoil

Oslo — Norway's state-owned oil company, Statoil A/S, said Thursday that its pretax profit had risen 21 percent in 1993, to 12 billion kroner (\$1.6 billion).

Statoil said a reduction in operating costs had compensated for the fact that a rising share of its output comes from marginally profitable fields.

Net financial charges for 1993 were just over 100 million kroner, compared with 2.7 billion the previous year.

The chemicals unit posted a 1993 operating loss of £68 million but should return to profitability in 1994, the company said.

Earnings in the company's exploration and production division fell 20 percent in the fourth quarter from the year-ago period, primarily because of weak crude prices.

BP sold its North Sea crude for an average \$15.47 per barrel in the fourth quarter, compared with \$19.59 per barrel in the fourth quarter of 1992.

(Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)

Investor's Europe

Exchange	Index	Thursday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Amsterdam	AEX	437.32	437.40	-0.02
Brussels	Stock Index	7,755.18	7,756.79	-0.16
Frankfurt	DAX	2,118.98	2,065.23	+2.61
Frankfurt	FAZ	817.88	808.01	+1.22
Helsinki	HEX	1,933.62	1,945.21	-0.60
London	Financial Times 30	2,819.30	2,833.70	-0.50
London	FTSE 100	3,407.00	3,429.10	-0.64
Madrid	General Index	353.50	352.17	+0.38
Milan	MIB	1,085.00	1,084.00	+0.02
Paris	CAO 40	2,286.77	2,302.06	-0.65
Stockholm	Affarsvechden	1,793.02	1,826.12	-1.81
Vienna	Stock Index	N.A.	501.63	
Zurich	SBS	1,045.32	1,054.64	-0.88

Very briefly:

- Germany said private industry was not shouldering enough of the risk in making financing proposals for the Transrapid, the planned high-speed magnetic-levitation train; but the consortium that is building the train insisted its plans were realistic.
- Philipp Holzmann AG, a German construction and power-generation company, said it expected to post "good" 1993 results and pay an unchanged dividend of 12 Deutsche marks (\$6.82) a share.
- Buderus AG, 80 percent-owned by the troubled German conglomerate Metallgesellschaft AG, said it had profit of 58 million DM in the year ended Sept. 30; it earned 66.9 million DM in the previous period, a nine-month financial year that ended Sept. 30, 1992.
- Volkswagen AG continued to lead in market share in Western Europe, but its share fell to 15.5 percent in January from 16.6 percent in January 1993, according to an industry group's figures for the 12 European Union nations plus Austria, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.
- Volvo AB said it had sold its stake of about 25 percent in the Swedish investment company Cates AB for 1.7 billion kronor (\$211 million) and would post a one-time gain of about 916 million kronor.
- Dutch corporate bankruptcies rose 27 percent in 1993, with 5,510 companies filing, the Central Bureau of Statistics said.
- Sulzer AG agreed to merge its worldwide paper businesses with those of J.M. Voith GmbH of Heidenheim, Germany, through a new company to be called Voith Sulzer Papiertech.
- Halsund Nymed AS, a Norwegian pharmaceuticals and chemicals company, said it had agreed to buy 50 percent of Yew Tree Pharmaceuticals, an anti-cancer research company, from OPG Group of the Netherlands.

Devalued CFA Causes Ouster of SCOA Chief

Paris — Jacques Marcellin, chairman of SCOA SA, the import-export company, after the company dropped his project for expansion into the French large-scale distribution sector, SCOA announced Thursday, its decision was made because of the recent 50 percent devaluation of the CFA franc, a hard knock for SCOA, which is heavily involved in trading with Africa.

SCOA, controlled by Compagnie Financière de Paribas, said it would "devote itself solely to refocusing its activities with the goal of cutting its debt." A company spokesman, Jean-Pierre Mercier, said Mr. Marcellin had been eager to see the retail projects through, "and so he preferred to lay down his responsibilities."

(AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Amstrad Warns of Possible Loss

London — Amstrad PLC said Thursday that it was likely to have a loss for its full year, after reporting a 69 percent drop in first-half profit, to £1.7 million (\$2.5 million) from £5.6 million a year earlier.

Alan Sugar, chairman of the consumer electronics concern, said, "Shareholders should recognize the possibility of the company turning

in a loss for the full year," which ends June 30.

He said its "best expectations" for the year would be "to try and maintain a break-even position."

But he said even that might be "difficult to achieve, particularly if the much-heralded U.K. economic upturn fails to translate into consumer confidence."

Mr. Sugar said margins in consumer electronics remained under

pressure because of oversupply, price-cutting and low demand.

"The U.K. market, which is traditionally our largest, has suffered the most," Mr. Sugar said.

Mr. Sugar said the company's second half, which corresponds to the first six months of the calendar year, was normally a period of lower sales than its first half.

Sales in the first half fell 31 percent, to £139.9 million, as Amstrad cut its output of products that could not be sold profitably in current market conditions.

Mr. Sugar said Amstrad had cut costs in its Australian business and did not expect to have a loss in that country.

But Amstrad's Italian business has performed poorly, he said, and is expected to increase its provisions against bad debts.

Amstrad said it would pay an unchanged first-half dividend of 0.2 pence a share, but it said the second-half dividend would depend on the company's results.

Alastair Malcolmson, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said the first-half profit was below expectations.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Norske Bank Posts '93 Profit

Oslo — Den norske Bank AS, Norway's largest banking company, said Thursday it had a pretax profit of 982 million kroner (\$130 million) last year, reversing a loss of 3.05 billion kroner in 1992.

Net interest income rose 15 percent, to 5.37 billion kroner, and net credit losses were cut 36 percent, to 3.11 billion kroner, the company said. It said other operating income rose 30 percent, to 3.49 billion kroner, while operating profit before loan losses and write-downs was up 63 percent, to 4.25 billion kroner.

Den norske Bank said it cut operating expenses by 7.3 percent last year, after adjusting for inflation and "changes in statutory levies."

Most of the cost cuts were implemented in the first part of 1993, it said, and costs were higher in the fourth quarter because of increased economic activity and a change in the basis for calculating pension expenses caused by falling interest rates.

Group assets at the end of 1993 were estimated at 161 billion kroner, down from 187.6 billion kroner in 1992.

COMPANY RESULTS

Revenue and profits or losses, in millions, are in local currencies unless otherwise indicated.	United States				Elec. Data Systems			
	Aetna Life				Empire			
1st Qtr.	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992
Revenue	\$194	\$174	\$172	\$165	Revenue	\$214	\$245	\$245
Profit	\$43	\$43	\$42	\$42	Profit	\$104	\$104	\$104
Per Share	\$1.94	\$1.74	\$1.72	\$1.65	Per Share	\$4.22	\$4.32	\$4.32
Dividend	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	Dividend	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
Market Value	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Market Value	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
Employees	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	Employees	1,100	1,100	1,100
Assets	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Assets	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
Liabilities	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Liabilities	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
Equity	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Equity	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
Capital	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Capital	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
Debt	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Debt	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
Interest	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Interest	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
Taxes	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	Taxes	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	\$1.1B
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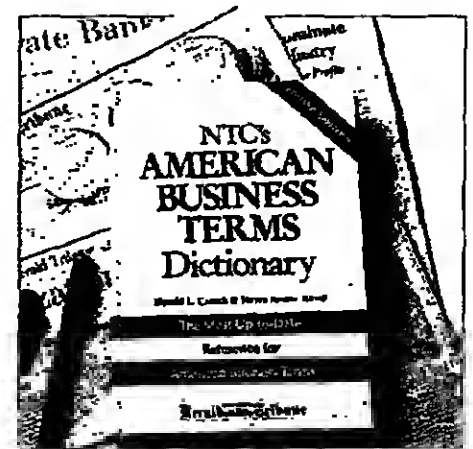
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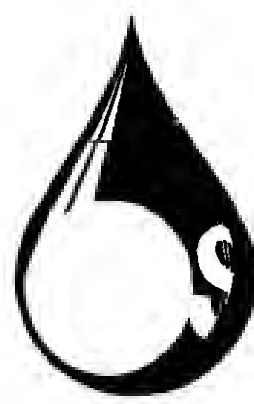
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Tokyo Turns to Public Debt, Keeps Spending Rise to 1%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — Japan's cabinet on Thursday approved a 73 trillion yen (\$672 billion) draft budget for the coming fiscal year, an increase of just 1 percent from the current year and one that raises public debt while reducing aid to localities.

The moderate spending increase was prompted in part by the government's forecast of a sharp decline in tax revenue for the year that begins April 1.

One of the larger budget increases is a 4 percent rise in spend-

ing on public works, aimed at stimulating the economy, to 8.9 trillion yen. Development assistance climbs 4 percent to 1 trillion yen.

Defense spending is projected to rise 0.8 percent to 4.6 trillion yen.

For the first time in five years, the budget resorts to deficit-financing bonds to help pay for an income-tax cut. In Japan, bonds that are used to finance a budget deficit are distinguished from so-called construction bonds, which are used to pay for specific projects.

The budget projects that tax revenue will fall 12 percent, to 53.6 trillion yen from 61.3 trillion yen projected in last year's initial budget draft.

The ministry said the majority of that drop was due to a reduction in income taxes and local residence taxes announced by the government this week, with the rest caused by lower tax payments from individuals and companies whose incomes were cut by Japan's severe and continuing recession.

To make up for its drop in income, the government will increase its issuance of bonds and reduce subsidies to local governments.

The Finance Ministry estimates the government will issue nearly 14 trillion yen of construction bonds and deficit-covering bonds in the year starting April 1. Last year's budget called for issuing 8 trillion yen of bonds. The budget's dependence on bonds will be 18.7 percent, the second-highest ratio in Japan's postwar history, after 19.2 percent in 1987.

The cabinet's approval of the budget came only a few hours before Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's departure for Washington for talks with President Bill Clinton.

The draft budget was delayed for a month and a half by wrangling in parliament over the tax cut and over political reforms.

The cabinet also approved a third supplementary budget for this year, totaling 2.1 trillion yen, to help implement the tax cut and other economic measures announced this week.

(AP, Bloomberg)

Kumagai Gumi Sets Sales Of Real Estate in Britain

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — Kumagai Gumi Co. will sell 70 billion yen (\$644 million) of overseas properties and liquidate some of its overseas real estate units before the current financial year ends March 31, its managing director, Sadatsugu Utsugi, said Thursday.

He said most of the properties sold would be those in Britain, where the real estate market is more active than in some other countries. Kumagai also has properties in the United States and the Pacific region, including Australia.

After the sale, Kumagai will have about 540 billion yen of unsold overseas properties, Mr. Utsugi said. Kumagai aggressively expanded its development business, especially overseas, in the late 1980s and has been hit by the prolonged worldwide property slump.

But separately Thursday, the construction company raised its profit forecast for the current year. It said it expected consolidated pretax profit of 20 billion yen, rather than the 9 billion yen estimated in November, because of its cost-cutting efforts and a decline in interest expenses. It had current profit of 29.64 billion yen in the previous year.

Its forecast of net profit was unchanged from November's estimate of 1 billion yen, but it said it expected sales to total 840 billion yen, rather than 900 billion yen.

(Reuters, AFP)

Digging Sydney's Metals

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune

MELBOURNE — American demand for shares in base-metal mining companies has given a powerful lift to Australian stocks in recent weeks, but with market's key index falling 4 percent this week, analysts are wondering whether the boom can last.

The rise in the All Ordinaries index over the past year has been spectacular. Its close of 2,234.3 on Thursday is 41 percent higher than the level a year ago and 21 percent above the level just six months ago. But it was down 98.5 points from the close last week.

In recent weeks, analysts said, offshore money has been flowing into the market. Much of the investment was ascribed to American mutual and pension funds attracted by prospects of capital gains in resource stocks, which would benefit from an acceleration of world economic growth.

"The main driving force has been foreign money," said Peter Wetherall, director and head of research at Melbourn Barings. "The U.S. funds have been the big swing." He added the major concern he had about the Australian market was that commodity prices might fall if consumer demand for metals failed to catch up with supply.

Mark O'Brien, manager of Australian equity operations at AMP Investments in Sydney, said: "What we don't know is whether the Americans are going to be short-term or long-term players. Still a halt to their buying would give the market some indignation."

Jobs Increase in Australia

Bloomberg Business News

CANBERRA — The unemployment rate fell in January to its lowest level in 20 months, the government announced Thursday, and employment rose for a fifth consecutive month.

The jobless rate fell to 10.6 percent from 10.7 percent the month before — contrary to many economists' forecasts of a rise — and from a peak of 11.3 percent in late 1992. Employment grew by 22,000, to a seasonally adjusted 7,874,600.

The decrease in the unemployment rate was achieved even though a larger number of people were actively looking for work, the government said. The participation rate, used as an indicator of the number of people seeking jobs, rose one point, to 63.1 percent.

"These figures are good, very good," said John Fraser, an economist with SBC Australia, a unit of Swiss Bank Corp. "They are consistent with an economy showing clear and broad signs of strength."

In the last three months, an American investor in an Australian stock that simply kept pace with the All Ordinaries Index would have made a 25 percent gain in U.S. dollar terms. About half would have come from the rise of the market and the rest from the appreciation of the Australian dollar.

Among the miners, the stock of CRA Ltd. has risen about 26 percent in the past three months. In the same period, the value of stock in MIM Holdings Ltd. jumped nearly 48 percent; Western Mining Corp., 54 percent; Comalco Ltd., 61 percent; and Pasminco Ltd., 95 percent.

Western Mining reported on Thursday a 38 percent rise in net income for the six months through Dec. 31, Bloomberg Business News reported from

Sydney. Most of the gains came from the company's interest in Alcoa of Australia, the aluminum producer. Its nickel operations lost money and gold revenue was little changed.

Also reflecting current weakness in the metals industry, which investors apparently are betting will end, Broken Hill Proprietary Co. said on Wednesday that it had accepted an average 7.6 percent reduction in the price of iron ore sold to Japanese steel mills. The reduction reflects the slump in the Japanese steel industry.

Many analysts, however, said the current pullback in stock prices was a healthy consolidation and that there has been little sign of panic selling. "This was a correction we had to have," said John Bowie Wilson, director of Hambros Equities Ltd. in Sydney.

Investor's Asia			
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Sydney All Ordinaries	Closed	2,234.30	+1.61
Tokyo Nikkei 225	Closed	19,990.70	+0.76
Kuala Lumpur Composite	Closed	1,108.72	
Bangkok SET	Closed	1,410.53	+0.49
Seoul Composite Stock	Closed	923.00	
Taipei Weighted Price	Closed	6,294.13	
Manila Composite	Closed	3,013.76	+0.62
Jakarta Stock Index	N.A.	580.85	
New Zealand NZSE-40	Closed	2,368.82	+0.18
Bombay National Index	Closed	1,989.44	+0.12

Sources: Reuters, AFP International Herald Tribune

Very briefly:

• China's customs statistics said 1993 exports of crude and oil products were 23.15 million metric tons (162 million barrels), down 13.9 percent, while imports surged 72 percent, to 33.03 million tons, according to Nihon Keizai Shimbun of Japan. It was the first time China had been a net importer of crude oil and oil products in 30 years, an event that had been widely expected to occur in 1994.

• Noble China Inc. agreed to buy a 70 percent interest in a brewery in Shouguang, Shandong province, for about 20.2 million Canadian dollars (\$15 million) from China Coast Property Development Ltd. China Coast is owned by Li Chui Chuen, who is a brother of the controlling shareholder of Noble China, Lei Kat Cheong.

• Great Eastern Shipping Ltd. of India is planning a second Euroissue to raise funds for buying ships. Great Eastern last month raised \$100 million from an issue of global depositary receipts.

• Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd. said a 9 percent rise in Australian sales and expansion in Asia and Eastern Europe pushed net profit last year up 45 percent to a record 94.4 million Australian dollars (\$68 million).

• The Bank of Thailand governor, Vithi Sornit, says he sees no reason for a devaluation of the baht despite recent speculation that a widening Thai current account deficit would require one. He also said that gross domestic product could grow more than 8 percent in 1994.

• Nippon Ido Toshi Corp., a cellular phone company, says it will promote Motorola Inc.'s phone system by investing 30 billion yen (\$276 million) to expand the area served by Motorola's cellular phone system over the next two years, thus ending its policy of expanding Motorola rival Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.'s service.

• The Bank of Japan said that commercial bank lending rose 0.5 percent from a year earlier in January, after a 0.5 percent increase in December.

• Jasco Co. is to wind up three units, involving write-offs totaling 7.38 billion yen. The units are Sanyo Jasco KK, Nihon Direct KK and Antorama Life Tokai.

• Sumitomo Corp. says it will invest in a partnership with Tele-Communications Inc. and other investors to buy three cable television operators serving in the Southeast United States.

• IBM Japan Inc. shed about 1,500 workers over a four-month period beginning in October, Jiji Press reported.

Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder

India Moves to Ring In a Modern Age of Telecom Services

By Kevin Murphy

International Herald Tribune

NEW DELHI — Nagarajan Vittal, the self-styled "Gorbachev of India's telecoms," has six phones, most ringing at once, in an office crowded with bureaucrats, lobbyists and salesmen who would rather wait in person than test their luck with India's woeful telephone system.

That leaves just under 7 million phones for his 870 million countrymen, a service vacuum that has prompted India to welcome, but not yet reward, foreign telecommunications companies rushing into the country.

"The Indian people are fed up," said Mr. Vittal. As chairman of India's Telecom Commission, he is pushing for more telephones for the masses and massive reforms likely to upset the 470,000 bureaucrats and heavily unionized workers in India's Department of Telecommunications.

"My actions are popular with the people, but within the system there is still great resistance to change," said Mr. Vittal, a career civil servant. He is trying to set up a regulatory body separate from the telephone system, split the national system into four regional operations and end large-scale abuses within it.

After a four- to eight-year wait or a 30,000 rupee (\$967) bribe, customers resourceful enough to get a new telephone line installed can find that unscrupulous workers "rent" their line to other people who dial internationally for hours. The original owner still gets the bill.

On the other hand, some residents of New Delhi and Bombay say they have never received a telephone bill, but instead are regularly visited by phone company workers who demand unofficial payments. Meanwhile, thousands of villages, where the majority of Indians live, have no telephones.

The government is trying to remedy the situation by eliminating mismanagement and by courting international investment to help it install 20 million telephones by 2000. Its ability to succeed is widely seen as a prerequisite for India's economic takeoff.

The foreign companies competing to be the first through the country's bureaucratic and legal maze to profitability say India's dealings with them are an early test of its overall welcome for foreign business.

"India has taken the intellectual leap on telecoms reform many other countries have found so difficult," said a Hong Kong-based analyst who estimates that the country needs at least \$20 billion in investment to meet its immediate goals.

Foreign telephone company representatives in India think that it could cost as much as \$40 billion to give only one in 10 people of India's middle class their own fully functioning phone line.

"I am reasonably confident India will create the right conditions to attract the necessary capital, but exactly how it plays out and who succeeds among the foreign groups is anyone's guess," the analyst said.

Twenty-one international companies are vying for contracts to provide basic equipment and expertise, value-added, high-tech services such as pagers, mobile phones and dedicated small-scale satellite networks, and in few deals — such as one proposed by U.S. West Inc. — entire domestic systems to rival the existing, inadequate facilities.

The Indian government has guaranteed its established international carrier, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., a monopoly, but the domestic situation is not clear; Videsh Sanchar Nigam is trying to gain permission to enter the domestic market alongside new foreign players.

However, court battles between hidden

for paging and mobile-phone franchises and a top-level decision-making vacuum on other major contracts illustrate the desperate need for institutional reforms.

Companies that were unsuccessful in their first applications for franchises challenged the process in court and won. But then, in the case of cellular phone licenses, companies that applied to operate in one city but were then directed to another location instead, appealed the overturning of the first awards. Decisions are pending.

"We cannot really do anything until basic telecom reforms are under way and a regulatory body established," said Anton Abraham of Telesara Corp., the overseas arm of Australia's government-owned telecommunications company. "Once that happens, interconnection fees to the existing network can be set and we can all avoid ending up in court for every new contract."

NYSE

Thursday's Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

(Continued)

12 Month High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	Ratio	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	Ratio
12.00	11.00	IBM	3.00	4.00	15.00	1.00	12.00	11.00	IBM	3.00	4.00	15.00	1.00
11.00	10.00	Microsoft	2.00	3.00	10.00	1.00	11.00	10.00	Microsoft	2.00	3.00	10.00	1.00
10.00	9.00	Apple	1.00	2.00	8.00	1.00	10.00	9.00	Apple	1.00	2.00	8.00	1.00
9.00	8.00	Oracle	0.50	1.00	6.00	1.00	9.00	8.00	Oracle	0.50	1.00	6.00	1.00
8.00	7.00	Sun	0.25	0.50	5.00	1.00	8.00	7.00	Sun	0.25	0.50	5.00	1.00
7.00	6.00	Novell	0.10	0.20	4.00	1.00	7.00	6.00	Novell	0.10	0.20	4.00	1.00
6.00	5.00	Lotus	0.05	0.10	3.00	1.00	6.00	5.00	Lotus	0.05	0.10	3.00	1.00
5.00	4.00	Intuit	0.02	0.04	2.00	1.00	5.00	4.00	Intuit	0.02	0.04	2.00	1.00
4.00	3.00	Adobe	0.01	0.02	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	Adobe	0.01	0.02	1.00	1.00
3.00	2.00	McAfee	0.00	0.00	0.50	1.00	3.00	2.00	McAfee	0.00	0.00	0.50	1.00
2.00	1.00	VeriSign	0.00	0.00	0.25	1.00	2.00	1.00	VeriSign	0.00	0.00	0.25	1.00
1.00	0.50	Comcast	0.00	0.00	0.10	1.00	1.00	0.50	Comcast	0.00	0.00	0.10	1.00
0.50	0.25	Time Warner	0.00	0.00	0.05	1.00	0.50	0.25	Time Warner	0.00	0.00	0.05	1.00
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0.10	0.05	Paramount	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.00	0.10	0.05	Paramount	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.00
0.05	0.02	Universal	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.05	0.02	Universal	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
0.02	0.01	Disney	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.02	0.01	Disney	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
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BOOK: 'Made in Japan' It May Be, but It's Unrevealing Industry Analysis

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made said. The problems with the work stem in large measure from the relative isolation and poverty of Japanese academia. Unlike their counterparts at MIT, who had the money, motivation and access to conduct independent research, Japanese scholars found that they could not proceed independently.

"In Japan, it's impossible to organize a study of industry without the cooperation of industry," said Kazuaki Marumo, director of research at the Japan Techno-Economics Society, the semigovernmental group that oversaw the project. "If a company were approached by an academic alone," he said, "they'd be extremely reluctant to part with any information."

He added that Japanese academics, unlike their American counterparts, had few close contacts with industry.

"Made in Japan" is two years behind schedule. One year was lost in the process of assembling teams of academic and corporate researchers and obtaining 200 million yen (\$1.8 million) from 34 companies to fund the project.

Once research began, the problem became one of reconciling inconsistencies between two groups that traditionally have had little contact. Mr. Shimada recalled that the corporate side said, "Please don't refer to the fact that we've had many problems with American competitors."

He added, "We were operating under the assumption that problems didn't exist."

The collapse of the economic bubble further complicated efforts to sort out the structural problems afflicting Japanese industry. Although scholars by the late 1980s had a sense of problems to come, many in industry were slow to acknowledge the way the bubble had distorted their performance. Many harked in the analysis of "Made in America," which heaped praise on Japanese business practices such as teamwork, in-house training, and patient capital facilitating research and development spending.

"Made in Japan" is the provisional title of the book, which will be published in Japanese at the end of April. An English-language publisher is being sought.

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Thursday's Prices
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120	110	IBM	3.00	2.5	15	120	110	115
100	90	Microsoft	0.00	0.0	10	100	90	95
80	70	Oracle	0.00	0.0	12	80	70	75
60	50	Amazon.com	0.00	0.0	8	60	50	55
40	30	Yahoo!	0.00	0.0	15	40	30	35
20	10	Google	0.00	0.0	10	20	10	15

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150	140	Intel	0.00	0.0	12	150	140	145
120	110	Motorola	0.00	0.0	10	120	110	115
100	90	Qualcomm	0.00	0.0	15	100	90	95
80	70	Lucent	0.00	0.0	12	80	70	75
60	50	Verizon	0.00	0.0	10	60	50	55
40	30	Sprint	0.00	0.0	12	40	30	35

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100	90	AT&T	0.00	0.0	10	100	90	95
80	70	WorldCom	0.00	0.0	12	80	70	75
60	50	Qwest	0.00	0.0	15	60	50	55
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Thursday's Closing
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SPORTS

Marseille's Tapie Charged In Soccer Bribery Case

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupont

VALENCIENNES, France — Bernard Tapie, the flamboyant businessman and politician who owns the soccer team, was placed under judicial investigation Thursday in connection with the bribery case involving Olympique Marseille and ordered to resign as the club's chairman by April 20.

Judge Bernard Boffy, who is investigating the alleged attempt by Marseille to bribe opponents to lose a key French league match, also placed Tapie under investigation for interfering with witnesses. Being placed under investigation in France is the equivalent of being charged with a crime in other judicial systems.

Tapie, who was released on bail of 250,000 francs (\$42,000), stormed out of the judge's chambers "almost without waiting for the magistrate to finish reading the indictment," a justice official said.

An official statement by the public prosecutor said Tapie, the self-made millionaire and protégé of President François Mitterrand who was the minister for urban affairs

in the Socialist government ousted last March, had declined to answer the charges.

Tapie played down the latest setback after talking with his lawyer. "There are more serious things," he said. "There are people suffering. There are tragedies in the world. Things should be kept in proportion and this matter reduced to its real dimension, which is not very important."

In Marseille, angry fans gathered at the club grounds to protest the judge's decision.

Tapie claimed that Boffy "wants to destroy Olympique Marseille." "His decision to forbid me from being president of OM obviously has nothing to do with a search for truth on the judicial level," Tapie said.

On Tapie's lawyers, Francis Debaker, questioned whether the judge had the right to remove a sitting member of parliament on bail.

Another lawyer, Francis Spiner, said Boffy's order to Tapie to quit as club chairman was unjustified.

The National Assembly, of which Tapie is a member, is not in session now. On Jan. 10, when it was, a parliamentary committee turned down an application from Boffy for Tapie's immunity to be lifted, saying the case was too "imprecise."

In December, after parliament lifted Tapie's immunity from prosecution in that case, Tapie was charged with misuse of corporate funds from the scale-manufacturing company Testut, which owned by his investment group, Bernard Tapie Finance. He is alleged to have used a Testut loan for political expenses and to buy forward Chris Waddle from the English club Tottenham Hotspur.

Tapie has denied wrongdoing in both the Testut and OM cases.

Boffy is investigating accusations that Marseille tried to bribe Valenciennes players to go easy in a league match just before the European Champions' Cup final. Olympique won the league match, then beat AC Milan to become the first French club to win a European title.

Tapie is alleged to have tried to persuade two witnesses, the former Valenciennes coach, Boro Primorac, and Marseille midfielder Jean-Jacques Eydelie, to change their testimony to say Marseille did not initiate the bribes.

Eydelie has admitted giving a 250,000-franc bribe to Valenciennes player Christophe Robert, who, with Argentine midfielder Jorge Burruchaga, admitted receiving it. They were placed under investigation.

They also named Tapie's then right-hand man at Olympique, Jean-Pierre Bernes, as the initiator



Bernard Tapie leaving court: Judge "wants to destroy team."

of the bribe. Bernes was also placed under investigation, but has denied involvement.

Marseille has been banned from European competition this season and stripped of its French league title.

Tapie, who was forced to sell three star players because of the club's ensuing financial problems, has said he is looking for a buyer for the club, which is now in second place in the league standings.

(Reuters, AP, AFP)

No. 4 Kentucky Is a Good Host As No. 3 Arkansas Wins, Again

The Associated Press

Kentucky is lucky that Arkansas comes to Rupp Arena only every other season.

The third-ranked Razorbacks ended the Wildcats' 33-game homecourt winning streak Wednesday night, and it was Arkansas which last beat fourth-ranked Kentucky at home.

"My congratulations go to Arkansas," said the Wildcats' coach, Rick Pitino. "They've done this to us twice in a row. They've been the superior basketball team twice in a row."

This 90-82 decision came courtesy of the Razorbacks' press, which spread Kentucky's offense, and a technical foul against Rodrick Rhodes of the Wildcats.

Rhodes had two 3-pointers and a three-point play in a 12-0 run that gave Kentucky (18-4, 7-3 Southeastern Conference) a 59-24 lead with 4:46 left in the first half. But the sophomores forward became the goat when he was assessed an unsportsmanlike technical foul for having words with Corey Beck, Arkansas (17-2, 7-2) scored eight straight points and was only 47-41 behind at halftime.

"I'll take the blame for this loss," Rhodes said. "My emotions got out of hand, and that was a key part of this victory, which had won five straight, still led by 54-49 on Jared Prickett's layup with 15:15 to go. But Clint McDaniels got nine points in a 19-3 run that gave Arkansas a 68-59 lead with 9:21 left.

The Wildcats were in it until the final minute, though, and it wasn't until Travis Ford missed a 3-point shot with Arkansas leading, 79-77, that the Razorbacks pulled away.

Scotty Thompson had 26 points and Corbis Williamson got 21 for Arkansas, which beat Kentucky,

105-88, at Rupp Arena on Jan. 25, 1992.

The teams play just once a season since they are in different divisions of the Southeastern Conference.

Rhodes led Kentucky with 22 points and Tony Delk added 16. "Some things are better not said and I'm pretty upset," Pitino said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

"It's the most disappointed I've been in a team of mine in 20 years of coaching."

No. 6 Connecticut 94, Boston College 91: Donyell Marshall had 33 points and his basket with 2:28 left in the second overtime gave the visiting Huskies (20-2, 10-1 Big East) a 93-90 lead. Connecticut had the chance to win at the end of regulation but Marshall missed a driving layup at the buzzer; the Eagles (16-7, 7-5) had two shots to win at the end of the first overtime. Billy Corley had a career-high 32 points and matched his career-high with 16 rebounds for Boston College.

No. 10 Purdue 98, Northwestern 81: Glenn Robinson scored 29 points as the Boilermakers (19-3, 7-3 Big Ten) cruised to their 21st victory in 22 games against the visiting Wildcats (9-9, 0-9).

No. 15 Missouri 82, Colorado 70: Melvin Booker had 19 points as the Tigers (17-2, 8-0 Big Eight) won their 12th in a row at home. Denny Boyce had 27 points for the Buffaloes (10-10, 2-6), who lost their 23rd straight at Missouri and were dropped 76 of 77 regular-season conference road games.

No. 17 Saint Louis 90, Iowa St. 75: Scott Highmark had 23 points and the Billikens (19-1) hit 12 3-pointers. Derrick Hayes and Julius

Michalik each scored 20 points for the visiting Cyclones (11-8).

No. 19 Arkansas 78, DePaul 73: The last of Robert Shammatt's 22 points for the visiting Blazers (18-3, 6-2 Great Midwest) came on a tiebreaking jumper with 45 seconds left and the Blue Demons (13-7, 2-6) didn't score again. DePaul's Tom Kleinschmidt, who had 27 of his career-high 37 points in the second half, had a shot blocked in the lane.

No. 20 Florida 74, Mississippi St. 64: Freshman center Rashard Griffith, back after missing two games with a knee injury, scored 15 points as the Badgers (15-4, 6-4 Big Ten) improved to 12-0 at home this season, their best start since 1929-30. John Amaschi's 18 points led the Nittany Lions (10-9, 3-7).

No. 23 Minnesota 79, Ohio St. 73: Yashon Lenzard scored 14 of his 24 points in the final 10 minutes as the Golden Gophers (16-7, 6-4 Big Ten) won at home by shooting 67 percent from the field in the second half. Randy Carter had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota; Derek Anderson led Ohio State (10-11, 3-7) with 19 points.

No. 24 Illinois 72, Michigan St. 64: Deon Thomas had 25 points as the Fighting Illini (13-5, 6-3 Big Ten) won at home. Shawn Respert got 27 points for the Spartans (14-9, 5-6), who were outscored, 22-7, at the foul line.

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SIDELINES

Way Cleared for Toronto NBA Team

TORONTO (AP) — The Ontario government and the NBA announced an agreement Thursday that removes pro basketball from the provincial sales lottery and clears the way for Toronto to become the league's 28th team, beginning play in the 1995-96 season.

The league awarded the franchise to a Toronto group led by John Bitove Jr. in November on the condition NBA games be taken off the Pro-Line lottery.

The Toronto announcement came less than 24 hours after a group hoping for an NBA expansion franchise in Vancouver said it would remove basketball betting from the British Columbia lottery.

Yankees Get Mulholland From Phils

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees finally got the starting pitcher they wanted, acquiring Terry Mulholland from the Philadelphia Phillies for three young players, while on the arbitration front Montreal outfielder Moses Alon and Colorado third baseman Charlie Hayes settled.

Alon agreed to a \$1.4 million, one-year deal, nearly seven times his \$210,000 salary last season. Hayes and the Rockies were believed to have settled before the midpoint.

Injury-plagued, 32, who was released by Baltimore on Sept. 8 after three

years in the minors, signed a minor league contract with the New York Mets in an effort to resurrect his career.

For the Record

South Africa has been admitted to Rugby League's centenary World Cup, to be held in Britain late next year, it was announced in London following an international board meeting.

Andy Cole, the Newcastle striker who is the leading scorer in England's Premier League, will be out for at least three weeks with a torn shoulder muscle.

Sean Elliott, the Detroit forward whose kidney ailment scuttled a trade to Houston, said he'll take an indefinite leave of absence to clear up the problem.

Cal Ripken Jr. became the major league baseball's all-time top home-run hitting shortstop last July 15, with his 278th; Ernie Banks, who formerly topped the list, had been credited with 16 homers at shortstop that he had hit while playing first base. The Elias Sports Bureau, the official keeper of major league statistics, discovered the error four years ago but failed to inform Ripken's team, the Baltimore Orioles.

Two Mexican travel agencies, whose customers found in Atlanta that they did not have tickets to the game after buying Super Bowl packages, have been refunded more than \$500,000 by a Texas ticket agency.

Chris Pyatt of Britain retained his WBO middleweight title with a first-round technical knockout of Mark Cameron of South Africa in Brentwood, England.

Bad Williams, 77, who turned Oklahoma's football program into a dynasty as the university's coach during the 1940s and 1950s, died of congestive heart failure at his home in St. Louis.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	20	.524	—
Orlando	22	20	.524	—
Atlanta	22	20	.524	—
Charlotte	22	20	.524	—
Washington	22	20	.524	—

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	20	.524	—
Chicago	22	20	.524	—
Cleveland	22	20	.524	—
Indiana	22	20	.524	—
Charlotte	22	20	.524	—
Washington	22	20	.524	—

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	22	20	.524	—
San Antonio	22	20	.524	—
Utah	22	20	.524	—
Denver	22	20	.524	—
Minnesota	22	20	.524	—
Portland	22	20	.524	—

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	22	20	.524	—
Phoenix	22	20	.524	—
Portland	22	20	.524	—
Golden State	22	20	.524	—
LA Lakers	22	20	.524	—
LA Clippers	22	20	.524	—
Sacramento	22	20	.524	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	22	20	.524	—
San Antonio	22	20	.524	—
Utah	22	20	.524	—
Denver	22	20	.524	—
Minnesota	22	20	.524	—
Portland	22	20	.524	—

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	22	20	.524	—
Phoenix	22	20	.524	—
Portland	22	20	.524	—
Golden State	22	20	.524	—
LA Lakers	22	20	.524	—
LA Clippers	22	20	.524	—
Sacramento	22	20	.524	—

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	20	.524	—
Orlando	22	20	.524	—
Atlanta	22	20	.524	—
Charlotte	22	20	.524	—
Washington	22	20	.524	—

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	20	.524	—
Chicago	22	20	.524	—
Cleveland	22	20	.524	—
Indiana	22	20	.524	—
Charlotte	22	20	.524	—
Washington	22	20	.524	—

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	22	20	.524	—
San Antonio	22	20	.524	—
Utah	22	20	.524	—
Denver	22	20	.524	—
Minnesota	22	20	.524	—
Portland	22	20	.524	—

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	35	15	4	72	180	140
New Jersey	29	17	6	64	189	145
Florida	29	17	6	64	189	145
Washington	25	21	4	54	173	167
Philadelphia	24	24	4	52	189	191
Pittsburgh	24	24	4	52	189	191
Tampa Bay	20	28	6	46	127	142

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	37	19	6	78	205	157
Boston	37	19	6	78	205	157
Pittsburgh	28	16	11	67	192	154
Buffalo	28	22	5	59	178	145
Quebec	21	28	6	47	127	177
Ottawa	19	29	4	42	158	189
St. Louis	17	27	6	38	144	209

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	28	16	11	67	192	154
Edmonton	28	22	5	59	178	145
St. Louis	28	19	6	64	189	145
Chicago	25	22	5	54	173	167
Winnipeg	17	27	6	40	127	142

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	37	19	6	78	205	157
San Jose	37	19	6	78	205	157
San Jose	37	19	6	78	205	157
San Jose	37	19	6	78	205	157
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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Orlando	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Atlanta	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Charlotte	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Washington	22	20	.524	—	—	—

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Chicago	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Cleveland	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Indiana	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Charlotte	22	20	.524	—	—	—
Washington	22	20	.524	—	—	—

Western Division

Team	
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SPORTS WINTER OLYMPICS

Harding Asks Court To Bar Hearing and Sues for \$20 Million

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PORTLAND, Oregon — Tonya Harding said in court documents filed Thursday that she has done nothing to warrant her removal from the U.S. Olympic team and would be "irreparably harmed" if she were not allowed to compete in Norway.

The U.S. figure skating champion submitted the documents as part of a \$20 million lawsuit filed against the U.S. Olympic Committee, Harding is seeking to prevent the USOC from holding a hearing Tuesday in Oslo on whether she should be forced off the team for her alleged role in the attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan.

A hearing on the lawsuit was scheduled for Friday in Clackamas County Circuit Court in nearby Oregon City, where the suit was filed.

To back up the lawsuit, filed late Wednesday, Harding's attorneys submitted 67 pages of supporting documents Thursday, including a proposed temporary restraining order to prevent the USOC hearing and affidavits from Harding and her coach, Diane Rawlinson.

Harding said in her affidavit that she had worked her entire life toward the goal of competing in the Winter Olympic Games, which begin Saturday in Lillehammer.

"I have done nothing that would warrant my removal from the U.S. Olympic team and I would be irreparably harmed if I were not allowed to compete," she said.

She said she could not afford to pay the expenses of attorneys and witnesses who would testify on her behalf at the USOC hearing in Oslo.

Rawlinson said in her affidavit that, because of security concerns, it may be impossible to get Harding to Oslo by Tuesday.

Neither Kerrigan, who arrived in Lillehammer on Thursday, nor Harding are expected to take part in Saturday's opening ceremony, a spokesman for the U.S. team said.

The 16-page lawsuit filed by Harding's attorneys claims her 20-year dream of winning an Olympic gold medal would be wrongfully and unfairly dashed by any attempt to remove her from the figure skating team.

The "USOC's conduct is arbitrary, capricious, malicious and contrary to law and fact," the suit says just before asking for the \$20 million. It also seeks compensatory damages to be determined at a trial.

But the portion that undoubtedly means the most to the embattled 25-year-old skater is the request for the temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction preventing the USOC from taking any action to remove her from the Olympic team.

The USOC has scheduled a hearing of its Games Administrative Board in Oslo to consider whether there is sufficient reason to keep her out of the

competition in Lillehammer. On Monday, the USOC sent Harding's attorneys seven accusations that were based, in part, on a finding by a U.S. Figure Skating Association panel that there was reasonable cause to believe she was involved in or knew about the plot to attack Kerrigan.

The lawsuit notes that some of those who have admitted their role in the conspiracy have implicated Harding, but that those allegations have not resulted in any charges. A grand jury investigating the case is not expected to return any indictments until March 21.

The lawsuit contends the USOC action violates her rights as a member of the figure skating association and amounts to double jeopardy because she is still subject to the USFSA inquiry. The figure skating group has ordered Harding to appear at a disciplinary hearing and has given her until March 7 to respond.

The suit also claims the USOC lacks jurisdiction to take any action based on conduct that occurred before she became a member of the Olympic team.

But the suit's most detailed allegations are aimed at the hearing scheduled in Oslo, which, the suit contends, does not provide adequate due process because:

- Harding was not given adequate notice of the specific charges;

- The time and place for the hearing made it impractical for Harding to attend;

- The hearing was not set before an impartial body of fact-finders;

- Harding was denied the right to call witnesses and require their attendance;

- She was denied the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses;

- The USOC failed to provide an appeals procedure and written notice of such procedure; and

- The right to a full and fair hearing before the U.S. Figure Skating Association hearing panel was effectively destroyed.

Asked if the lawsuit meant that Harding would not appear before the USOC panel, her attorney, Robert C. Weaver Jr., said: "We're going to exhaust this first and see where it goes."

The USOC planned to file motions Thursday in Portland to counter the suit, the committee's executive director, Harvey Schiller, said.

"We want to just give Tonya the opportunity to speak to the board and to discuss some of the issues that are involved," Schiller said on "CBS This Morning."

Earlier, Harding's former husband, Jeff Gillooly, asked a court for permission to travel to Norway to testify before the USOC panel.

Gillooly also asked that the results of an FBI lie-detector test he took as part



Nancy Kerrigan arriving Thursday in Oslo, en route to the Olympic Games in Lillehammer. Asked as she was leaving Boston if she was prepared to skate with Tonya Harding, Kerrigan replied: "I'm prepared for the competition." And about the Olympic training schedule, which would require her to practice side-by-side with Harding, Kerrigan told reporters: "I'm more uncomfortable standing here talking to all of you guys."

of his plea bargain arrangement be disclosed to his attorney so they can be presented to the USOC board, if it asks for them.

Norm Frink, the chief deputy district attorney in Multnomah County, which includes Portland, said prosecutors would not oppose the motions.

Gillooly has pleaded guilty to racketeering for his role in the Jan. 6 attack on Kerrigan and has said Harding was in on the plot and gave the final go-ahead. In exchange for his plea, he will be sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$100,000, and no additional charges will be filed against him.

Harding has denied Gillooly's allegations, but has admitted she learned that people around her were involved in the plot when she returned from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, and did not report it to authorities immediately.

The USOC had asked if Gillooly would be available to testify at the disciplinary hearing. But Schiller said Thursday that "we do not plan to ask Mr. Gillooly to appear."

Olympic Television Schedules

Saturday's Events
Opening Ceremonies — 1500.
Ice Hockey — Finland vs. Czech Republic, 1100; Russia vs. Norway, 1730; Austria vs. Germany, 2000.

Saturday's TV
EUROPE
All times are local
Austria — ORF: 1545-1845, 2000-2006, 2055-2330.
Britain — BBC: 1215-1715; BBC2: 1500-1700, 2340-0225.
Bulgaria — BNT/Channel 1: 1700-1900; Channel 2: 2030-2130, 0030-0100.
Croatia — HRT/TV2: 1500-1825, 2330-2400.
Cyprus — CYBC: 1700-1900, 0030-0100.
Czech Republic — CTU: 1145-1800, 2330-2400.
Denmark — DR: 1545-1800.
Estonia — ETV: 1650-1900.
Finland — TV1: 1245-1530, 2050-2115; TV2: 1645-1900.
France — FR3: 0830-1000, 2345-0145; TF1: 1550-1805.
Germany — ARD: 1145-1430, 1545-1815, 2055-2330, 2310-2400.
Greece — ERT: 1700-1900; ET1: 0030-0100.
Hungary — MTV/Channel 1: 2005-2020; Channel 2: 1550-1800.
Iceland — RUV: 1700-1845, 2315-2345.
Italy — RAI: 1600-1800; RAI2: 1730-1800.
Latvia — LT: 1655-1900, 2330-2400.
Lithuania — LRT: 1700-1900.
Luxembourg — CLT: Highlights on evening news, 1900-2000.
Macedonia — MKRTV/Channel 1: 1500-1700, 1725-2000, 2230-2300; Channel 2: 1055-1330, 1955-2230.
Monaco — TMC/TF1: 1200-1430, 1430-1600, 1800-1900, 0050-0245.
Netherlands — NOS: 0930-2335.
Norway — NRK: 1130-2300.
Poland — TVP/PR1: 1555-1800, 2205-2305; PR2: 0005-0135.
Portugal — TV2: 2300-2320; RTP1: 1100-1120.
Romania — RTVR: 1700-1800, 0030-0100; Channel 2: 2030-2200.
Russia — RTO: 1355-1630, 1755-2000; RTR: 2025-2255.
Slovakia — STV/SK: 1555-1800.
Slovenia — RTVSLO: 1630-1855.
Spain — TVE2: 1600-1800; RTVE: 1200-2400.
Sweden — SVT/Channel 1: 1530-1800, 1930-2100; TV2: 1825-1930.
Switzerland — TSR/TSR/DRS: 1600-1800.
Turkey — TRT: 1700-1900, 0025-0200.
Ukraine — DTRU/UT1: 1700-1900, 0030-0100.
Eurosport — 1200-1430, 1800-continuous coverage.

Monday's Events
All times are GMT
Alpine Skiing — Men's combined downhill, 1000.
Cross-Country Skiing — Men's 30-kilometer freestyle, 0930.
Ice Hockey — Germany vs. Norway, 1400; Czech Republic vs. Austria, 1630; Russia vs. Finland, 1800.
Luge — Men's singles, third and fourth runs, 0900.
Speedskating — Men's 500 meters, 1300.

Monday's TV
EUROPE
All times are local
Austria — ORF: 0600-0950, 0950-1955, 2015-2100, 2230-2330.
Britain — BBC2: 1415-1550, 2000-2100, 2315-2355.
Bulgaria — BNT/Channel 1: 1200-1400, 1700-1740, 1815-1945; Channel 2: 2055-2330, 0030-0100.
Croatia — HRT/TV2: 1450-1710, 2230-0030.
Cyprus — CYBC: 1715-1745, 2230-2300.
Czech Republic — CTU/Channel 1: 0915-1300, 1945-2015, 2300-0005; Channel 2: 1715-2000, 2000-2230.
Denmark — DR: 1020-1433, 1450-1730, 2130-2215.
Estonia — ETV: 1125-1345, 1430-1600, 1915-1945, 2145-2330.
Finland — TV1: 1105-1605, 2055-2330; TV2: 1900-1930.
France — FR2: 0955-1020, 1025-1050, 1050-1200, 1205-1250; FR3: 1430-1455, 1500-1740, 2005-2030.
Germany — ZDF: 0850-1750, 2100-2145.
Greece — ERT1: 0830-0900, 1700-1800; ERT2: 1915-1945.
Hungary — MTV/Channel 1: 1515-1800; Channel 2: 1905-2050, 2205-2235.
Iceland — RUV: 1900-1930, 1255-1400, 1825-1855, 2315-2345.
Italy — RAI: 0855-1300; RAI2: 2415-0100; RAI3: 1730-1800.
Latvia — LT: 1055-1330, 1915-1945, 0030-0100.
Lithuania — LRT: 1125-1400, 2130-2150.
Luxembourg — CLT: Highlights on evening news, 1900-2000.
Macedonia — MKRTV/Channel 1: 0855-1130, 1255-1420; Channel 2: 0925-1200, 1555-1630, 1715-1745, 1755-1830, 1855-2130, 2230-2300; Channel 3: 0930-1150, 1625-1900.
Monaco — TMC/TF1: 1000-1300, 1315-1400, 1600-1925, 2100-0300.
Netherlands — NOS: 0830-2315.
Norway — NRK: 0800-1750, 2000-2400; TV2: 1845-1900.
Poland — TVP/PR1: 0950-1100, 1830-1855, 2200-2300; PR2: 1105-1300, 1605-1725, 1905-2000, 0005-0105.
Portugal — TV2: 2300-2320; RTP1: 1100-1120.
Romania — RTVR/Channel 1: 1200-1330, 1430-1500, 1915-1945, 0030-0100; Channel 2: 2055-2330.
Russia — RTO: 1225-1500, 1830-1915, 2155-0030; RTR: 1250-1400, 1555-1700, 1705-1715, 2135-2205.
Slovakia — STV/SK: 0600-0830, 1025-1055, 1155-1300, 1815-1845.
Slovenia — RTVSLO: 1005-1405, 1700-1845; 1955-2015, 2035-2245.
Spain — RTVE: 1000-2400; TVE2: 1445-1500, 2410-0140; M8C: 1000-1300.
Sweden — SVT/TV2: 1015-1300, 1355-1520, 2000-2145; Channel 1: 2145-2300.
Switzerland — TSR/TSR/DRS: 1030-1300, 1440-1530; S + 2: 2000-2230.
Turkey — TRT: 1800-2015, 2100-2330.
Ukraine — DTRU/UT1: 1800-2015, 2100-2330, 0030-0100; UT2: 1200-1340, 1915-1945.
Eurosport — 0600-2230, 2400-continuous coverage.

Sunday's Events
All times are GMT
Alpine Skiing — men's Downhill, 1000.
Cross-Country Skiing — Women's 15-kilometer freestyle, 0900.
Figure Skating — Pairs technical program, 1500.
Ice Hockey — Sweden vs. Slovakia, 1400; Italy vs. Canada, 1630; France vs. United States, 1900.
Luge — Men's Singles, First and Second Runs, 0900.
Speedskating — Men's 5,000 meters, 1400.

Sunday's TV
EUROPE
All times are local
Austria — ORF: 0600-0900, 0950-1300, 1300-1800, 1948-2010, 2245-2345.
Britain — BBC2: 0910-1130, 1810-1900, 2140-2235.
Bulgaria — BNT/Channel 1: 1100-1345, 1915-1945, 2230-2355; Channel 2: 1700-1830, 2430-0100.
Croatia — HRT/TV2: 1045-1230, 1455-1800, 2300-2330, 0030-0300.
Cyprus — CYBC: 1715-1745, 2230-2300.
Czech Republic — CTU: 0915-1230, 1455-1730, 1945-2015, 2310-2400.
Denmark — DR: 0850-1230, 1455-1730, 2145-2230.
Estonia — ETV: 1055-1400, 1555-1800, 1915-1945, 2145-2330.
Finland — TV1: 1045-1410; TV2: 1530-1830.
France — FR2: 1820-1925; FR3: 1045-1200, 1955-2230.
Germany — ARD: 0945-1300, 1445-1840, 2015-2245.
Greece — ERT2: 1300-1830, 1915-1945; ERT1: 2400-0100.
Hungary — MTV/Channel 1: 1100-1130, 1450-1730, 2255-2355.
Iceland — RUV: 0855-1045, 0950-1130, 1355-1745, 1715-1745, 1825-1855, 2230-2300, 2330-0030.
Italy — RAI2: 2415-0130; RAI3: 0855-1230.
Latvia — LT: 1055-1330, 1915-1945, 0030-0100.
Lithuania — LRTV: 1100-1230, 2130-2145.
Luxembourg — CLT: Highlights on evening news, 1900-2000.
Macedonia — MKRTV/Channel 1: 0855-1130, 0950-1215, 1335-1830, 1715-1745, 1755-1830, 2230-2300; Channel 2: 0855-1030, 1305-1715, 1855-2130, 1855-2135; Channel 3: 1825-1900.
Monaco — TMC/TF1: 1000-1200, 1730-1940, 2300-0100.
Netherlands — NOS: 0930-2350.
Norway — NRK: 0800-1800, 2000-2300, 2330-2400; TV2: 1845-1900.
Poland — TVP/PR2: 0850-1100, 1900-2000, 005-105; PR1: 1100-1230, 1605-1730, 2200-2300.
Portugal — TV2: 2300-2320; RTP1: 1100-1120.
Romania — RTVR: 1150-1230, 1915-1945, 0030-0100.

ASIA/PACIFIC
All times are local
Australia — Channel 8: 2030-0100.
New Zealand — TV1: 0700-0800, 2130-2400.
Japan — NHK: 2200-2400 (general); 1200-1500, 1800-0830 (satellite); 1500-1500, 1900-2000 (satellite).
China — CCTV: 1800-2100, 2300-2400.
Hong Kong — TVB: 2400-0100.
South Korea — KBS: 1430-1700, 2200-2300, 2410-0140; MBC: 1000-1300.
Singapore — SBC/Channel 12: 2400-0100.
Star TV — Starting at 0300, Starting at 1800.
NORTH AMERICA
All times are EST
Canada — CTV: 0800-0900, 1330-1700, 2000-2200.
United States — CBS: 0700-0900, 2000-2300, 0037-0137; TNT: 1300-1800.
Mexico — Televisa: 0700-1100, 1700-1900, 2330-2400.
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In Tonya's Movie, Let's Hear a Word From the Sponsors

By Ian Thomson
International Herald Tribune

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — "Your witness, Mr. Mason."

"For your honor, I call . . . Juan Antonio Samaranch."

The judge bangs his gavel to hush the spectators. Right now it looks bleak. Everyone thinks she's guilty of something. The circumstantial evidence of phone records and doctored notes has been building against her. Her own husband — rather, ex-husband — has turned on her. Even if they're not going to charge her with the crime, even if they allow her to skate, no way in Norway is she going to win an Olympic medal because the judges will never reward her. Right?

The only one who can get Tonya Harding out of this is Perry Mason, that hero of the American television courtroom.

"Mr. Samaranch, you are president of the International Olympic Committee," Mason begins. "And so I ask you: Are you trying to win the Nobel Peace Prize?"

"I most certainly am not," Samaranch says.

"Need I remind you of the penalty for perjury in this country, sir? I ask you again: Are you or are you not now devoting your life to winning the Nobel Prize for Peace?"

"That will be all," Mason says, while Samaranch lurches from the box with what appears to be a slipped disk.

This is the part where Perry Mason destroys everyone he calls to the witness stand. No one knows why he does it. It never involves the most important evidence. A lot of the witnesses have nothing to do with the crime. So far, his examinations have revealed only that the public, press and Olympic reactions have been bitter than all of the things Jeff Gillooly hired with (allegedly) George Steinbrenner's money, and that almost everyone is profiting from the ensuing scandal.

Everyone but his client, Perry Mason will say.

"Mr. Steinbrenner," he says to the next witness, "you are still owner of the New York Yankees, if my memory serves me correctly?"

Vantage Point

"In my time as owner," says Steinbrenner, squirming, because he was expecting to answer questions about the \$10,000 he reportedly donated to Harding, "the Yankees have won two World Series and become the most lucrative . . ."

Perry cuts him off. "And you've fired how many managers?"

"Tonya's the one on trial here."

"Isn't it right that in the 17 years that you weren't banished for conspiring with a known gambler that you have fired 19 managers, and you haven't won so much as a divisional championship in a dozen years? Is that not right, sir?"

"That will be all," Mason says, leaving Steinbrenner with his mouth agape.

He takes on only the most impossible cases. The evidence is always stacked against his clients like the news cameras at Harding's practice rink. If it were up to the public, his clients would be sent to the gas chamber without a trial. As it is, the district attorney, Hamilton Berger, never seems to learn from his mistakes. He approaches every case with an arrogance bordering on the dangerous.

A good lawyer identifies that arrogance. He knows that nobody is innocent. You're looking down your nose at his client? You're better than she is? Let's just put you on the witness stand, where you have to tell the truth, and then we'll see what you're all about. That's what most of Perry Mason's trials come down to.

He makes every accused feel as low as they've made his client feel. He evens the playing field. Of course, with 10 minutes left you're no closer to believing his client will get off than you were in the beginning.

This is when the renowned private detective, Paul Drake, enters the courtroom. Mason excuses himself to whisper privately with Paul in the side. No one in the courtroom can hear the conversation, but you and I can.

Perry says, "Where is that witness?"

Paul says, "My man in Portland has been looking up and down the West Coast. Perry, he swears there is no witness."

Perry looks over at his client. The ice queen is dying for a smoke. Paul seems Perry's fatigue.

"Way to go with Steinbrenner," Paul says, smiling.

Is Mason looking down at his watch? You can't tell: his arm is out of the picture. But you and everyone watching knows there are only seven minutes left as he grins at a smile at Paul. He turns and approaches the bench saying, "Your honor, the defense calls . . ."

Does he call Gillooly, the ex-husband who has implicated Harding? Does he call the bodyguard? The alleged assailant? Is there a vital go-between of whom we haven't heard? Maybe he calls one of the dozens of people profiting from the mess.

The whole developing scandal has been turned into a made-for-television movie, with commercials four times an hour. Public opinion polls show that more and more Americans believe Harding should not compete in Lillehammer, and the Olympic community has clearly been sensitive to these polls. In TV-reduced terms, there are only seven minutes of airtime until Harding's status is to be reviewed by a U.S. Olympic Committee panel in Oslo on Tuesday. They should let the TV movie play itself out.

INDEED, a good lawyer should put the Olympic people on the stand and reveal the motives driving their judgment of Harding — not to bury them, but simply to learn the truth.

From the beginning, they've been wishing that she would simply disappear to save them from negative publicity. At the same time, they are ultimately going to pocket that publicity in the form of higher TV ratings translated into more television revenue. In the past, they have arbitrarily applied the rules of sportsmanship to some athletes and not to others. Is their goal to avoid the downside of publicity, or are they interested in the Olympic ideal of truth?

If they were held under the same unsparring light as Harding, would you entrust them with the decision?

In that same light, would you believe her ex-husband?

Even if Harding is charged in the conspiracy, she has not been proved guilty. The only truth right now is we don't know the truth. Maybe she found out afterward and was too scared and depressed to come forward because she knew she wouldn't be believed. It's unlikely, but maybe she still isn't sure how everything happened.

In an interactive, TV-movie world based on ratings and applause, it's just not fair to turn off the set before the final act. If Perry Mason has taught us anything about justice, it's that when the accusers are truly revealed, you find yourself rooting for the accused.

First 'Green' Games: Plenty of Snow Underfoot and a Flame Overhead

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they will await a single Norwegian. His name is Stein Gruben, and he, like the surroundings, will fall out of the sky.

He is a ski jumper. Gruben has been the underdog to Ole Gunnar Fidjestøl, the 1987 world champion, who had been practicing his jumps with a torch held high in his right hand. But Fidjestøl was injured in a practice leap on Thursday and now, to all the world, it will be Gruben who will embody Norway. He is going to ski down the mountain and jump off, thrusting the Olympic flame out before him.

"I was a little bit reluctant that the torch should be used in this way," said its designer, Bjorn F. Magnusson, a professor of thermodynamics at the Norwegian Institute of Technology. "It was not designed to be used in this way."

He meant it for the 7,050 participants who carried it 8,000 kilometers across Norway during the last three months, from the breadth of an oil platform (via helicopter) in the North Sea to an island off the country's most northern point (by plane).

From Gruben's soaring height, the valley will gain in majesty, while sprawling Lake Mjøsa might shrink to the size of an ice rink. Those watching from the ground will be surrounded by hills that are comfortable and gradual, with no challenging peaks in sight of Lillehammer, but 4,850 kilometers of cross-country trails instead.

When 250,000 Norwegians applied for the 30,000 tickets available to watch the Olympic biathlon and cross-country events, organizers decided to open the courses to anyone willing to ski or snowshoe through the woods. On those days, the trolls of Norwegian folklore will seem to come out en masse in their bright parkas and bobbed hats, bigger and more handsome than in the fairy tales.

The Games, which end Feb. 27, are threatened by the shadow of the American figure skaters Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding. It is mostly a false threat — nothing when compared with the real one that led to the attack on Kerrigan.

Perhaps, their shadow will obscure the achievements of other athletes. More likely,

even if the U.S. Olympic committee allows Harding to skate, the sensational details of the attack will also gobble up whatever the women do on the ice. Their moment might already have passed — unless Kerrigan is able to take the next step, gathering herself to win the gold medal. These would then become her Olympics.

The field could survive without Harding and Kerrigan. It features former professionals making figure-skating comebacks, among them Brian Boitano, Viktor Petrenko and Katarina Witt. The hockey competition has never been tighter. In most other sports, the Norwegians — who used to dominate the Winter Games — have experienced a renaissance, just in time for a normally stoic people to let out emotions built up for six years. They understand these sports, and their nation might win more medals than any other.

In practical terms, Lillehammer will be remembered as the first of the staggered Albertville, France, from now on, the Winter Games will take place in the middle of the four-year cycle between Summer Olympics.

More significantly, organizers hope they will be commended for invoking a "green" approach to the Olympic movement.

Under pressure from environmentalists and the public, organizers agreed to institute controls while developing the venues. Fines of up to \$10,000 helped protect trees. The positioning of the Hamar speed-skating hall — resembling the hull of an overturned Viking ship — was changed to protect a bird sanctuary. The Gjøvik hockey arena was built inside a mountain, with the excavated rock shoring up the nearby coastline. And bullets will be retrieved from the biathlon course.

SPORTS WINTER OLYMPICS

Faces Old and New to Watch in the Norwegian Woods

By Christopher Clarey

Special to the Herald Tribune

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — It will be akin to a soccer match in Italy, a sumo tournament in Japan or a basketball game in Indiana. It will look right and ring true. Norway is the host of the Winter Olympics, and for the first time in 42 years the Winter Games have made their way to Norway, home of endless evergreens and two short words: ski and slalom.

While the world watches these Norwegian woods, the world's best skiers, skaters and sliders will try to benefit from the windfall born of the International Olympic Committee's desire to keep the Summer Games from overshadowing their smaller winter offspring.

Only two years have passed since Winter Olympians last congregated, in the French Alps, and many of those who captured hearts, minds and medals there will be striving for repeat performances in the higher latitudes and lower altitudes of central Norway.

Among the names that should ring a mountain cowbell: Kjell Andre Amundsen, Bonnie Blair, Surya Bonaly, Marc Girardelli, Viktor Petrenko, Vreni Schneider, Vegard Ulvang, Pernilla Wiberg, and, of course, Alberto Tomba. The Italian star who felt destined for glory in Calgary (Alberta) in 1988 and Albertville (made that Alberto-ville) in 1992, but who has had a harder time claiming manifest destiny in Lillehammer.

Tomba could still win medals, however, along with a few ghosts from Olympics even longer ago. A new International Skiing Union rule has opened the door to prodigal sons and daughters from the professional figure-skating ranks. Brian Boitano, the American who lobbied vigorously for the opportunity, will be joined in the Hamar skating arena by three other gold-medal winners from Calgary: Germany's Katarina Witt and Russia's Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov. For those feeling nostalgic for 1984 and much happier times in Sarajevo, there will be the consummate ice dancers Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean of Britain.

The skaters will not be bothered by the weather, but it could affect those competing outdoors. Lillehammer has not had this much snow in February since 1951, and more is predicted. Not that the hosts, who have suffered through several light winters in recent years, are complaining.

"It's a nice problem for us to have," said Svein Mundal, chief of the race committee at Kvitfjell, site of the Alpine speed events.

A look at the medal contenders in each sport:

Alpine Skiing

One woman and two men have a realistic shot at the unprecedented feat of winning an Alpine medal in three consecutive Olympics: Anita Wachter of Austria, Franck Piccard of France and Tomba, the effervescent Italian who has curbed some of his late-night habits but lost none of his bravado.

Long the best technical skier in the world, Tomba always saves his best for Olympic years. He won both slalom races in Calgary and repeated in the giant slalom in 1992. In the last month, he has returned to peak form. Those who could spoil Tomba's party in the slalom include Norway's Finn Christian Jagge, Austria's Thomas Stangassinger and Jure Krnjar, a young Slovene who moonlights as a rap singer.

The man to watch in every event is Aamodt, the overall World Cup leader and front man for the group of Norwegian skiers who call themselves the attacking Vikings. Two other dangerous all-arounders are Günther Mader of Austria and Giordano of Luxembourg, the five-time World Cup overall champion who broke his Olympic heat with a silver in 1992.

In the downhill, Patrick Ortlieb, the hasty Austrian who won gold on the serpentine course in Albertville, could repeat. The bad news for him is that this course is said to be tailor-made for yet another Norwegian, Atle Skardard. Tommy Moe of the United States could break through in the downhill or super-giant slalom, which will be held on his 24th birthday.

Woman to watch include Deborah Compagnoni of Italy in the giant slalom, Katja Seizinger of Germany in the speed events, Wiberg of Sweden in just about everything and the venerable Schneider of Switzerland, who was invisible in Albertville but has returned to top form

Day-by-Day Schedule of Events											
ALL TIMES GMT	FIGURE SKATING	SPEED SKATING	HOCKEY	GOBSELD	LOGE	ALPINE SKIING	BIATHLON	COUNTRY SKIING	PRESTYLE	ROBIC COMBINED	SKI JUMPING
SAT. 12			Finland vs. Czech Rep., 1100 Russia vs. Norway, 1730 Austria vs. Germany, 2000								
SUN. 13	Pairs, technical program, 1900	Men's 5,000m, 1400	Sweden vs. Slovakia, 1400 Italy vs. Canada, 1630 France vs. U.S., 1900		Men's singles, 0900	Men's downhill, 1000				Women's 15K free, 0900	
MON. 14		Men's 500m, 1300	Germany vs. Norway, 1400 Czech Rep. vs. Austria, 1630 Russia vs. Finland, 1900		Men's singles, 0900	Men's combined downhill, 1000				Men's 30K free, 0930	
TUE. 15	Pairs, free program, 1900		Sweden vs. Italy, 1400 U.S. vs. Slovakia, 1630 Canada vs. France, 1900		Women's singles, 0900	Women's Super-G, 1000				Women's 5K classical, 0930	Moguls elimination, 1130
WED. 16		Men's 1,500m, 1300	Austria vs. Russia, 1400 Czech Rep. vs. Germany, 1630 Norway vs. Finland, 1900		Women's singles, 0900					Moguls final, 1130	
THURS. 17	Men's technical program, 1900	Women's 3,000m, 1300	Slovakia vs. Italy, 1400 France vs. Sweden, 1630 Canada vs. U.S., 1900			Men's Super-G, 1000				Men's 10K 0930 women's 10K, 1130	
FRI. 18	Ice Dance compulsory, 1800	Men's 1,000m, 1300	Germany vs. Russia, 1400 Finland vs. Austria, 1630 Czech Rep. vs. Norway, 1900		Men's double, 0900					Normal hill ski jump, individual, 1130	
SAT. 19	Men's free program, 1800	Women's 500m, 1300	Canada vs. Slovakia, 1400 Italy vs. France, 1630 U.S. vs. Sweden, 1900	Two-man, 0900		Women's downhill, 1000				Men's 15K free pursuit, 1130	15K cross-country, individual, 1130
SUN. 20	Ice Dance original program, 1800	Men's 10,000m, 1300	Russia vs. Czech Rep., 1400 Germany vs. Finland, 1630 Norway vs. Austria, 1900	Two-man, 0900		Women's combined downhill, 1000				Men's 20K, 0900	Large hill, 1200
MON. 21	Ice Dance free program, 1800	Women's 1,500m, 1300	Sweden vs. Canada, 1400 Slovakia vs. France, 1630 U.S. vs. Italy, 1900			Women's comb. slalom, 0930, 1200				Women's 4 x 5K relay, 0930	Aerials, elimination, 1200
TUE. 22		Men's 1,000m, women's 3,000m relays, 1800	Consolation, 1530 Consolation, 2000							Men's 4 x 10K relay, 0930	Large hill, team, 1130
WED. 23	Women's technical program, 1800	Women's 1,000m, 1500	Quarterfinal, 1400 Quarterfinal, 1530 Quarterfinal, 1630 Quarterfinal, 2000		Men's giant slalom, 0930, 1230	Women's 7.5K, 0900 Men's 10K, 1200				Normal hill ski jump, team, 1030	
THURS. 24		Women's 500m and 3,000m relays, men's 5,000m relay, 1800	Ninth place, 1400 11th place, 1530 Consolation, 1830 Consolation, 2000		Women's giant slalom, 0930, 1200					Women's 30K classical, 1130	3 x 10K cross-country, team, 0900
FRI. 25	Women's free program, 1800	Women's 5,000m, 1300	Semifinal, 1830 Semifinal, 2000		Men's combined slalom, 0930, 1200	Women's 4 x 7.5K relay, 0900					Normal hill, 1130
SAT. 26	Exhibitions, 1400	Men's 500m and 3,000m relays; women's 1,000m relay, 1800	7th place, 1530 5th place, 1830 Bronze Medal, 2000	Four-man, 0900	Women's slalom, 0930, 1200	Men's 4 x 7.5K relay, 1200					
SUN. 27			Gold Medal, 1415	Four-man, 0900	Men's slalom, 0930, 1200	Men's 50K classical, 0900					

in the technical events. Urska Hrovat, the best of a young group of Slovenes, is also a threat in the slalom.

The biggest threat to Wachter and the Austrians will be the emotional whirlwind that followed the death of their teammate Uli Maier after crashing in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen downhill on Jan. 29.

Figure Skating

Long before something wicked came Nancy Kerrigan's way in Detroit on Jan. 6, the figure-skating competition was set to be the showpiece of the Games. Every event will feature at least one previous Olympic champion, and the men's and pairs events will feature two.

Only the gold medal in the pairs is possible to predict with much confidence: Gordeeva and Grinkov, who are now married and have a child, were on a different plane than their rivals at the European championships in Copenhagen last month, and their grace and skill should be

enough to give them the gold over their fellow Russians, Natalya Mishukidina and Artur Dmitriev, whose original program is below their usual standard. (Their free program remains a sight to behold.)

The men's and ice-dancing events will have the strongest fields in history. Petrunko, the Ukrainian who is the 1992 Olympic champion, perhaps has a slight edge, based on his victory in Skate America and his impressive performance in Copenhagen. But he will need to call on all his resources to hold off Boitano and Kurt Browning of Canada, the four-time world champion. But neither of them managed to win his national title this season: Boitano was beaten by Scott Davis, Browning by the remarkable jumper Elvis Stojko. Neither Davis nor Stojko will be out of the medal hunt in Hamar.

The ice dancing will be a three-way struggle among Torvill and Dean and two Russian couples, Maya Usova and Alexander Zhulin, and Oksana Grischuk and Yevgeny Platov. Torvill and Dean barely won in Copenhagen, and their

much-ballyhooed free dance failed to bowl over the judges.

In a normal year, Torvill and Dean's successful comeback would be the talk of the global village, but this is no normal year. And whether Tonya Harding is allowed to set skate on Hamar's ice or not, the women will be the primary focus.

Kerrigan appears to be completely recovered from the blow to her knee, but the truth is that she has never skated cleanly in a major international competition. If she can rise above her past, she has an excellent chance at gold and a lifetime's supply of endorsement opportunities.

If not, the spoils will probably go to Oksana Baiul of Ukraine, the defending world champion, or Bonaly of France, the European champion. Both have flaws: Baiul is ill at ease with combination jumps, and Bonaly still lacks artistry. Witt, the two-time gold medalist from the former East Germany, whose jumps are no match for her younger competitors, will be fortunate to finish in the top eight.

Luge and Bobsled

Germany has long been the *lingua franca* of the luge circuit. Austrians, Germans and German-speaking Italians have won 23 of the 24 gold medals awarded in the Olympics. On the picturesque track near Lillehammer, they are likely to do well again. Germany's Georg Hackl and Jan Behrendt are back to defend their titles.

But this time, the Americans could finally transform the luge competition into a multi-national event. Although the men's gold-medal favorite is Austria's Markus Frock, both Wendel Suckow and Duncan Kennedy of the U.S. team are capable of winning their country's first luge medal. If they falter, their teammate Cammy Myler, who won the last World Cup event of the season, could break through in the women's event. The favorite for the gold is Gabriele Kohlisch of Germany, the World Cup leader.

Switzerland's Gustav Weder could drive his nation to two gold medals in the bobsled com-

petitions. Weder and his partner, Donat Acklin, won the only Swiss gold in 1992, in the two-man event.

Wolfgang Hoppe, who has won two golds and two silvers in previous Olympics, was recently dismissed from the German Army because he had failed to disclose links with the Stasi, the former East German state security police. But Hoppe will still drive in Norway, along with Harald Czudaj, who disclosed his Stasi links before the 1992 Games.

Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined

Four men have soared above the rest this season: Espen Bredesen of Norway, Jens Weislof of Germany, Noriaki Kasai of Japan and the apple-cheeked Andreas (Andie) Goldberg of Austria. Jaroslav Sakala, a Czech, is also dangerous, particularly on the large hill.

The Norwegians and the Austrians are the favorites in the team competition. The Finns, who have won a total of six gold medals in jumping at the last three Olympics, are the longer reigning supreme, largely because the teenage phenom Toni Nieminen, a double gold medalist in Albertville, lost his touch and eventually his place on the Finnish Olympic team.

As for Nordic combined, that daunting marriage of normal-hill ski jumping and a 15-kilometer cross-country ski race, there is only one name to remember: Kenji Ogiwara of Japan. He could be the surest bet in Lillehammer, largely because he is an excellent jumper.

Cross-Country Skiing and Biathlon

The Norwegians swept the five men's events in 1992, but a repeat performance is unlikely, in large part because Vladimir Smirnov of Kazakhstan has been the dominant skier this season. But Smirnov, who lives in Sweden, will still have his hands full with his Norwegian friends Bjorn Dæhlie and Ulvang, who will get enormous support from the vocal home crowd.

In the women's events, expect lots more medals from three skiers who were dominant in Albertville: Lyubov Egorova and Elena Vialbe of Russia and Stefania Belmondo of Italy.

In the biathlon, which has long been the domain of Germans and Russians, the French and Canadians could be doing some celebrating. Patrice Bailly-Salins of France is a tentative favorite in the men's races, and France's Anne Briand and Canada's dynamic Myriam Bédard are two of the favorites in the women's events.

Bailly-Salins' principal rivals will be Sergei Tarasov of Russia and three Germans: Sven Fischer, Ricco Gross and perhaps Mark Kirchner, who won two golds and a silver in 1992 but has struggled of late. Briand and Bédard will have to contend with Nathalie Santer of Italy and Anja Harvay of Germany, who won a gold and two silvers in Albertville.

Ice Hockey

Since it formed the core of the gold-medal-winning Unified Team in 1992, Russia's wretched hockey program has had to endure administrative infighting, economic hardship and nearly total turnover (given that the National Hockey League in North America has no hard-currency problem).

But the talent pool runs deep in their troubled nation, and the Russians — with their superior stickhandling and speed — still managed to win the 1992 world championships and could capture another gold in Lillehammer.

Although none of the Russian players have Olympic experience, their coach, Viktor Tikhonov, has plenty. Tikhonov, 65, began coaching the Soviet national team in the mid-1970s and did a masterly job with his young team in Albertville, although he was dismissed after failing to win the subsequent world title. If the Russians fail to get the Swedes, led by the 20-year-old center Peter Forsberg, have the best chance to take the gold. The bronze could go to the Canadians or the Czechs, who could run into their former teammates from Slovakia in the quarterfinals.

Speed Skating

If all goes according to plan on the fast track in the stadium shaped like an inverted Viking ship, the sprints will belong to the Americans, the middle distances to the Dutch and the long distances to the Norwegians and the Germans.

Blair, who has already won three golds for the United States, could repeat her sweep of the 500- and 1,000-meter events in Albertville. Gunda Niemann of Germany again looks untouchable in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter races. For the men, the big question is whether Dan Jansen of the United States can finally put an end to his Olympic travails. Jansen, who fell twice in Calgary after learning of his sister's death, fell victim to excessive expectations in Albertville. This will most certainly be his final chance to live up to his talent. The men's distance events will be skated to the sound of wild cheering from the Norwegian and the Dutch fans, who follow the sport like nobody else. The best chance for the Dutch is Falko Zandstra in the 1,500-meter event. The Norwegians are counting on Johann Olav Koss to bring home gold in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races.

Short-track, which made its medal debut in Albertville, has added two more races for 1994: the men's 500 meters and women's 1,000 meters. Once again, the Americans, the Canadians, the Chinese and the South Koreans will be the skaters to beat. A few names to remember: Cathy Turner, the American who won gold in 1992; Lee Jon Ho, a South Korean who is favored to win the men's 1,000, and Wilf O'Reilly, a British sprinter.

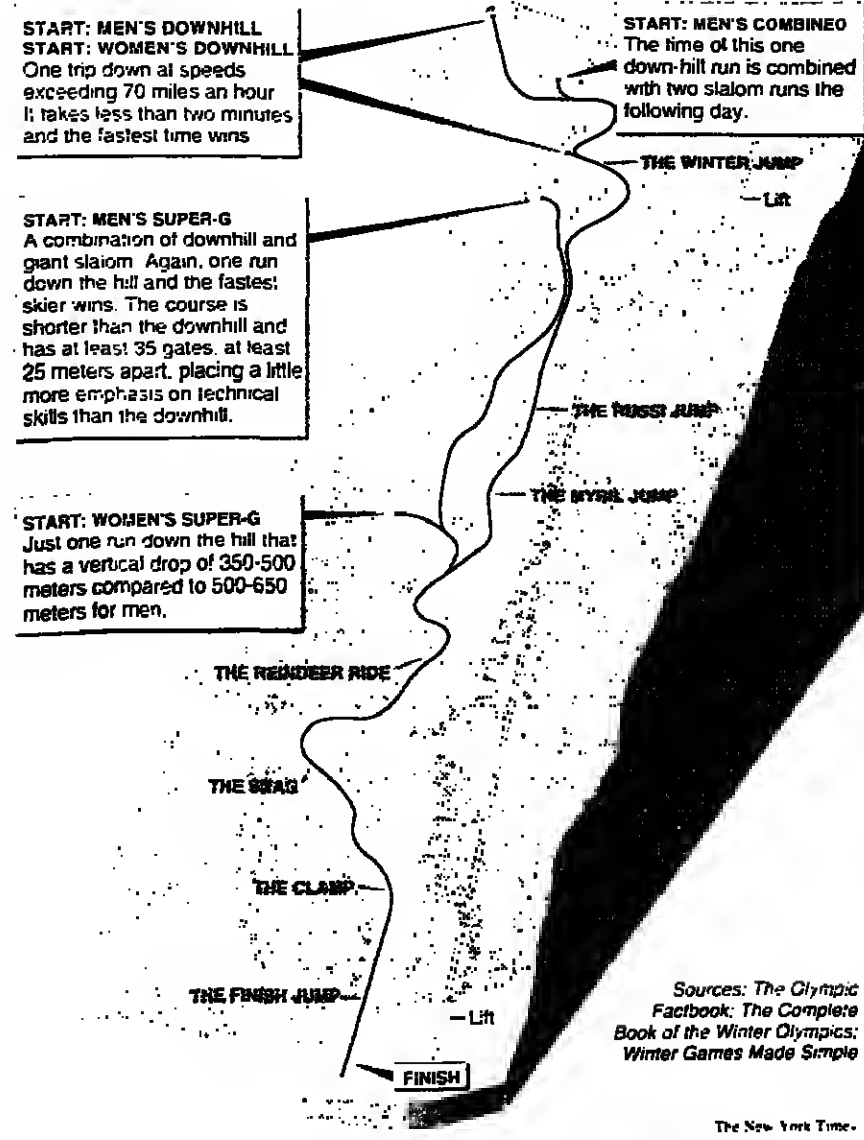
Freestyle Skiing

Only the mogul skiers get the chance to compete for official medals in Albertville. This time, the specialists also will have the honor. Donna Weinbrecht of the United States, who has made a remarkable comeback from major knee surgery, is a good bet to repeat in the women's moguls. The colorful French star Edgar Grosjeon is a slightly less prohibitive favorite to repeat in the men's event, where his teammate Olivier Cotte and the Canadian Jean-Luc Brassard are lurking.

The aerials, one of the most spectacular winter sports, could see some well-deserved light on Lina Chenzajova, who is favored to win the women's event and give the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan its first Olympic gold. The men's event should be dominated by the Canadians Nicolas Fontaine and Philippe LaRoche, although Thore Worthington of the United States could sneak in for a medal if he is not hampered by a fragile knee.

Events Built for Speed

The Alpine events will be held at different venues. The events below, at Kvitfjell, are considered the fastest, with an emphasis on speed over technical skills.



In Luge, U.S.-German Tales of Courage

By Johnette Howard

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LILLEHAMMER, Norway — She had no inkling of what had happened until she sat up and noticed the blood spattered over her racing suit.

Before that, she was lying on her back on her luge sled, traveling upward of 75 miles per hour down the course in the Watterberg, Germany, one of the fastest in the world.

About halfway down, she caught a glimpse of a man trying to get off the course two turns away. She thought nothing of it, not even when she "felt the impact."

"Then I just remember hearing a thud."

"And I thought," she remembered, "What happened? Why am I slowing down?"

She wasn't knocked off her sled. Only at the bottom of the track did the American luger Bethany Calcaterra-McMahon learn the horrifying truth: The dull, half-inch-wide runners of her sled had severed the leg of the German team's head coach, Sepp Lenz, below the knee.

Lenz, who was sweeping snow off the track between training runs, had not heard the "all clear" call that was sounded down the track before Calcaterra-McMahon began her run.

"As I found later, he's deaf in one ear," Calcaterra-McMahon said.

By the time she pushed out of the starting gate and began rattling down the course, Lenz noticed her — but too late.

As Lenz scrambled to get off the track, his spiked shoes betrayed him. He fell. Calcaterra-McMahon shot by. As Lenz lay there, his leg cut clean, he pushed the button on the walkie-talkie he carried to communicate with his team and said: "It was my fault. My foot has been cut off. It was my fault. Get help."

Almost three months have passed. And Calcaterra-McMahon, 20, sat now in a cramped interview room at the Winter Olympics and tried hard to act unaffected. How much she cried or shook with fear or reconsidered her participation in lugging, she won't exactly say. She concedes that she did all of that, but

talking to her teammates and her stepfather, a psychiatrist in Waterbury, Connecticut, helped. Knowing Lenz had absorbed her of any blame was crucial, too — especially when she learned the next day that doctors had been unable to reattach his leg in emergency surgery.

That was bad news. The good news? Calcaterra-McMahon, breaking into a grin, said she and two of her U.S. luge teammates saw Lenz at the athletes' village here and they found, firsthand, that word of his remarkable recovery was true.

Lenz, who was 59 when the accident occurred, was fitted with a prosthesis just three weeks after the accident. A member of the U.S. Luge Federation saw him at a World Cup event less than two months after the accident and he was back at work, walking with a cane, telling the American, "Hey. Don't worry about me. I'm fine. Really. I'm fine."

"Even when he was in the ambulance being rushed to the hospital," Calcaterra-McMahon recalled, "people said he was asking, 'How is the girl? Is she all right? Is she O.K.?'"

And when she saw Lenz in the athletes' village this week?

"He said, 'We've got to go dancing,'" Calcaterra-McMahon said, laughing.

Much like Lenz, Calcaterra-McMahon had to summon courage after the incident. In her mind she knew "it was a fluke accident — something that's never happened before." But she also concedes, "I'm not going to say it wasn't hard afterward. It was."

During a typical run, lugers are flattened by pressure up to seven times the force of gravity — twice the g-forces that astronauts feel on takeoff. In addition to high speeds, they cannot see what is happening as they fly down twisting courses because lifting their head — even though it's a natural thing to do heading into a diabolical curve or switchback turn — can add three- or four-hundredths of a second to their time, which can be the difference between victory and defeat.

Although lugers who crash break bones now and then, a far more common problem is the burns they get when their limbs scrape against

the ice — the friction-caused heat melting the plastic fiber of their bodysuits.

Still, Calcaterra-McMahon denies being haunted by any new thoughts about the inherent danger of lugging.

"Serious accidents are rare," she says. "I know that."

But that didn't make what happened to Lenz any easier to get over.

Three hours after the accident — after she'd thrown away her blood-spattered racing suit and found another, after U.S. coach Wolfgang Schneider had duct-taped a crack in her sled and realigned the steering — Calcaterra-McMahon was back on the track, forced to press on because the next day's race was the last Olympic qualifier of the season and her spot on the U.S. team was tenuous.

"I was second on the team, but I was only one point ahead of the girl in third," she said. "If I hadn't competed, it would have been up to a discretionary board to put me on the team or not. But I didn't want it to come down to that."

This is only Calcaterra-McMahon's first winter on the senior circuit, after all. Though she has four U.S. junior titles — winning her first at age 15 — she hadn't built up any raft of accomplishments at the highest level.

So she kept training that day. When she was alone, she shook and cried, according to a teammate. But on the track she was determined. "I wanted so bad to have that Olympic experience," she says.

When the race finally came the next day, she finished fifth — her best World Cup finish of the season. She made the Olympic team.

Then, said a U.S. luge official, "I'm told she locked herself in her room for 20 minutes and cried, just cried."

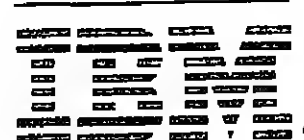
If Calcaterra-McMahon were to win a medal here, it would be an upset. But she said with a laugh, she knows exactly what she would try to do if she did. She would run off and look for Lenz and tell him what had happened. Then she'd probably take him up on his offer. She'd ask him for a victory dance.

"I think I would," Calcaterra-McMahon says. "I think that's exactly what I'd do."

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Berlin: Embassy Puzzle

By Stephen Kinzer

New York Times Service

BERLIN — When city planners here envision the Berlin of the future, one of their most vivid images is of the stately American Embassy that would be rebuilt on its former site next to the Brandenburg Gate.

Germans and Americans alike expect the building to be an anchor of the new Berlin and a symbol of the United States' determination to remain a major force in Europe. It will be perhaps the most important embassy building in this decade, and the site at Pariser Platz, adjacent not only to the Reichstag, the once and future home of the German parliament, is arguably the most desirable in Berlin.

But the recent arrival of a new American ambassador with a penchant for challenging established views has sent shudders of fear and disbelief through architectural and city planning circles here. The ambassador, Richard C. Holbrooke, has made it known that he is considering building the new embassy somewhere other than Pariser Platz.

"Nowhere can you achieve what you can achieve at Pariser Platz," said Rudiger Patzschke, one of many Berlin architects who are alarmed by Holbrooke's position. "Plenty of countries would love to have their embassies there. It just wouldn't make sense for the Americans to go anywhere else. If they find the site too small or the rules too restrictive, they could put just their reception rooms and a few offices there. But to abandon the site altogether would not make sense."

Holbrooke said: "It is our hope that we will be able to build at Pariser Platz, but we haven't made a final decision yet because we don't have the final German specifications. If the Germans can accommodate us, we'll end up there. But we are looking at alternate sites, and if we are faced with deal-breaking specifications, we'll go another way."

"One of the factors to consider is that Pariser Platz is an ensemble site. We'd be part of a cluster of

buildings. If we choose another site, we could have a free-standing building, which in some ways would be preferable."

Some architects here have suggested that Holbrooke is in effect bluffing and that his search for alternate sites may be a charade. They suspect that his true goal is simply to scare city officials into giving the United States more control over the design of its Pariser Platz site.

The French government is also planning to build a new embassy on land it owns at Pariser Platz, and Britain expects to build on an adjacent plot. City officials have imposed a series of height and design restrictions intended to assure that the plaza retains a measure of its original grandeur.

Among the alternative sites Holbrooke has visited is one on Alexanderplatz in the eastern part of the city. The site, owned by the Radisson hotel chain, is across a channel from the Berlin Cathedral.

Holbrooke recently showed both sites to the architect I. M. Pei, who was in Berlin on a visit after attending the inauguration of his newly designed hall at the Louvre in Paris. The ambassador said later that Pei had advised him to consider the Pariser Platz site favorably.

"He said that a very great city needs a center, and that as the new Berlin emerges, Pariser Platz will probably be the most important location in the city in a psychological sense," Holbrooke said.

Pei also reportedly said he did not want to be considered as a possible architect of the new embassy.

A century ago, Pariser Platz was known as "the Kaiser's reception room." It lies on the edge of the sprawling Tiergarten, once a royal hunting ground and now a magnet for cyclists and sunbathers. The neoclassical architecture that once dominated the plaza was meant to symbolize Germany's commitment to the democratic ideals of ancient Greece.

Holbrooke said he hoped to have a final decision by the end of this month. "Whatever we decide is going to have a long-term impact on the city. We don't want to make a mistake."

A Family Life on Both Sides of 'Color Line'

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WASHINGTON — Here and now, little by little, a taboo is being broken. Modern-day prejudice among black Americans, one against another, is being exposed. Irrational biases based on skin color are being aired. African Americans of all the many hues created by miscegenation — whether forced or not — are finding a way to question someone else's definition of them.

Heretofore, however mixed, and in whatever proportions, the "one-drop rule" prevailed. One drop of black blood in your veins determined how you were classified in this American apartheid. It applied across the board, from the redheaded to the blue-black, which according to the author Shirlee Taylor Haizlip's color chart includes: "honey, caramel, ivory, peach-and-cream, mahogany, coal blue, red bronze, amber, tan, russet, snow, chocolate, coffee, ebony, clear, bright, light, dark, alabaster, tan, rosy, molasses, toffee, tuff, café-au-lait, nutmeg, leafy, high yellow, paper-bag-tan, and purple."

All those skin colors were seen as the same — whether in the eyes of Jim Crow or Uncle Sam.

"We've been socialized to say we're only black," says Haizlip, who has written the confounding story of her Washington family and life on both sides of the color line. It is titled "The Sweeter the Juice," after the old saying ("The blacker the berry..."). She took the book — her first — to 10 publishers and got nine offers. Forty production companies are after the movie rights. All this stir over what Haizlip says is "a dirty little, but not quite so secret, thing."

"We've been brainwashed," says Haizlip. "White Americans and black Americans just accepted it as something almost handed down from God, you know, or from the mountain, with Moses, without remembering, without thinking that it was just a law made by people, by white people, for whatever their political or socioeconomic reasons at the time."

As for Haizlip's own coloring, she says she is often mistaken in her travels for white. Her skin is the sort of pale that looks as though its pigment has somehow been removed, leaving a visual sense of loss. Her reddish-brown hair, by her own description, is "not quite nappy," but it tangled, knotted easily, and required a light prying with a hot comb.

Some of Haizlip's discomfort with the lighter end of the color spectrum, she explains, is related to the dark skin of her father — the Reverend Julian Taylor — and that of her grandfather — the Reverend William Taylor Sr., founder of Washington's Florida Avenue Baptist Church. She



Shirlee Taylor Haizlip's color chart embraces many shades.

laments herself sharing the burdens and joys of their coloring, even to the point of seeing a brown face when she spies herself in a mirror. "I see on two levels," says Haizlip, "through the eyes and the heart."

In her book, which is subtitled "A Family Memoir in Black and White" (Simon and Schuster), Haizlip attacks Highland Beach, the private resort near Annapolis founded a century ago by the family of Frederick Douglass. "It was filled with people who looked too white, East Indian or Native American," she writes. "There were not enough brown faces for my comfort. There was too much talk of color, hair texture and family connections."

On this morning, Haizlip, 57, is talking about her daughters — Deirdre and Melissa, an actress and a lawyer.

"One is light like me, and one is dark like my husband," Haizlip says. "And I'm glad they were not raised in Washington because I think they would have been damaged children. We would have done our best in the home, but there would still have been that problem." For according to Haizlip, black Washington is "rigidly stratified by color and class." She has never lived here, but she grew up hearing the tales her parents, aunts and uncles told about their place. She describes it as a place

topped by "the light and the well-to-do, who strove to protect and replicate themselves. They practiced pigmentation endogamy. They wallowed in their whiteness. They flaunted their straight hair, their high noses and thin lips."

Perhaps it's because so many blacks in Washington came up from plantations in Virginia, that mother of more presidents than any other state, she offers. Haizlip herself has traced her ancestry back to Maryland's Chesapeake Coast, the wife of George Washington. "So many people who were light-skinned were tied to the American aristocracy," she says. "They felt proud of that, and wanted to keep that separation of themselves."

Aside from the color conundrum, however, Haizlip seems to think black Washington's upper crust is laudable. She quotes the historian Carter G. Woodson explaining how African American families began gaining prominence when "a member who accomplished something unusual and others of his descendants lived up to that record by likewise achieving distinction." Haizlip adds: "Wealth was not the most important factor in belonging. Education was the key. With each succeeding generation, the group became more insulated and more secure. They attained education, property, finan-

cial security and, most of all, respectability. But they did not completely turn their backs on their darker or less affluent brethren. A good number of them founded or participated in the forerunners of civil rights organizations that were designed to uplift the masses of their people."

Yet these people, or their descendants, she feared, would have damaged her children. On second thought, Haizlip called back later in the day to ask a reporter to "modify" or "strike" the statement. "Or just simply add my new disclaimer. It sounds as if I'm condemning a whole group of people, and I really don't want to do that. I don't want it to seem as if everyone in any particular group in Washington is a destructive or a bad or a vile person."

Haizlip does have emotional cause to lash out at Washington. It was here that her mother — Margaret Morris — and a younger, physically deformed brother were abandoned by their fair-skinned father, siblings, aunts and uncles, who decided to move west, where they could start new lives and meet for white. Morris, whose mother had died when she was 4, was then shuttled among guardians who ranged from the bizarre to the abusive.

"Mother told me that she was not with her father, or her brothers and sister because she was 'too brown,'" Haizlip writes of her earliest efforts to trace her family tree. "No matter how beautiful the autumn, its onset signaled the beginning of a seasonal sadness for my mother. Her melancholy would deepen as Christmas approached. I remember feeling helplessly protective of her as the muffled of childhood holiday wishes unfolded."

Morris's melancholy persisted despite the happy marriage and home life she built in Connecticut. "As my mother approached her 80th birthday, I made a conscious decision to use whatever means possible to find her family."

Haizlip used detectives to track down her mother's last surviving sibling, Grace Morris Cramer, whom she found living alone in a trailer park in California, the traces of tan in her face buried under layers of white powder. Haizlip tells the end of her story with a vindictive flourish, noting triumphantly that her mother now lives in a "mansion."

When she reunited the two sisters, Haizlip was struck by how much they looked and talked alike. Each also likes cats, each has a daughter named Patricia and a grandson named Jeffrey. Both are widowed now, after long marriages. Both have hot tempers. They live in homes that are vastly different, but are similarly color-conscious and prejudiced. One is black, the other white.

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Florida Sunshine Boy? Limbaugh Goes Orange

Fresh as a lemon: Rush Limbaugh, the latest pitch man for the Florida Citrus Commission, is leaving a sour taste in some mouths. The rightist radio and TV talk show host, known for bashing feminists and President Clinton, starts his \$1 million job with the commission on Monday — the same board that decided Anita Bryant and Bart Reynolds were too controversial to promote orange juice. Governor Lawton Chiles, a Democrat, is not pleased. A spokesman quoted Chiles as saying, "Our orange juice leaves a good taste with people and should be promoted on programs that represent good taste."

Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Pictures Association of America and the U.S. film industry's main lobbyist, called for a reconciliation with the French industry. Speaking at the annual television festival held in Monte Carlo, Valenti told "all my French friends" that both sides should look beyond the trade negotiations last year. Oh, yes, and a word of advice: He said the French could "conquer" the American film market if they invested in U.S. movie house chains.

Vicar Dennis Akroyd tells the Daily Star that on rounds of his Surrey village, south of London, to encourage people to come to church, he "knocked on the door of a particularly grand house and a very nice chap answered and said his name was Eric." Noticing a guitar at the house, the vicar asked the resident to play for a service and allowed a couple of months' practice. The man said he could probably do without rehearsal, and shortly afterward Eric Clapton appeared at the church, accompanying hymns.

Emily Schindler, widow of the hero of Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List," wishes the movie success and says she's getting a cut in the proceeds. Schindler, 86, who lives in a two-room house outside Buenos Aires, declined to say what percentage she had been offered. Her husband, Oskar, died in 1974.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

Europe				Asia			
City	High	Low	W	City	High	Low	W
Algeria	19/6	10/5	17/8	Osaka	16/8	8/6	17/8
Amsterdam	4/3	2/2	5/4	Seoul	22/1	11/2	17/8
Antwerp	6/4	1/1	5/4	Tokyo	16/8	8/6	17/8
Berlin	12/5	6/3	12/3	Yokohama	16/8	8/6	17/8
Brussels	10/7	7/4	10/8				
Buenos Aires	20/5	12/3	17/8				
Cairo	17/5	10/3	17/8				
London	6/4	1/1	5/4				
Madrid	12/5	6/3	12/3				
Moscow	10/7	7/4	10/8				
New York	12/5	6/3	12/3				
Paris	12/5	6/3	12/3				
Rio de Janeiro	20/5	12/3	17/8				
Sao Paulo	20/5	12/3	17/8				
Shanghai	16/8	8/6	17/8				
Singapore	22/1	11/2	17/8				
Taipei	16/8	8/6	17/8				
Tokyo	16/8	8/6	17/8				
Yokohama	16/8	8/6	17/8				

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

FRANCE										SWITZERLAND									
Resort	Depth L U	Pluses	Res. Stats	Snow Last	Snow Last	Comments	Resort	Depth L U	Pluses	Res. Stats	Snow Last	Snow Last	Comments						
Andorra																			
Pas de la Casa Solitud	160 210	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	Superb skiing on fresh powder	Corvatsch	90 135	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	Excellent skiing on fresh snow						
	170 230	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	Fully open, excellent conditions	Corvatsch	25 130	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All lifts open, piste skiing excellent						
Switzerland																			
Isère	0 70	Good	Cld	Var	2-8	5-6 lifts open, lower lifts	Chamonix	115 225	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	2/27 lifts open, good skiing						
Stapez patchy							Saas-Fee	55 120	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 72 lifts open, superb overall						
Nizhny	40 130	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	61-64 lifts open, great piste skiing	Verbier	120 250	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	15/19 lifts open, superb skiing						
Switzerland	50 145	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All lifts open, some icy patches	Wengen	60 80	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	7/8 lifts open, great conditions						
Schladming	40 140	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	Fresh snow above 1000m	St. Moritz												
St. Anton	40 270	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All lifts open, good upper slopes	Bakelore-Born	140 255	Good	Open	Var	2/2	21/22 lifts and 380/43 lifts open						
Switzerland																			
Alpes d'Huez	125 220	Good	Open	Var	2-8	78-85 lifts open, good piste skiing	Ardenne	95 160	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 16 lifts open, superb skiing						
Les Arcs	105 135	Good	Open	Var	2-8	58-64 lifts open, good piste skiing	Châtaignier	95 160	Good	Open	Var	2/2	Piste area improving conditions						
Avoriaz	155 230	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All lifts open, good skiing	Orsières	90 170	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 30 lifts open, excellent skiing						
Chamonix	135 245	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	11-15 lifts open, good skiing	Grindelwald	25 120	Fair	Poor	Cld	2/2	Upper slopes remain good						
Chamonix	40 360	Good	Open	Var	2-8	Upper slopes excellent	Grindelwald	20 120	Fair	Warm	Var	2/2	50/60 lifts open, warm patches						
Chamonix	40 195	Good	Open	Var	2-8	All 64 lifts and 95 patches open	Verbier	120 250	Good	Open	Var	2/2	37/42 lifts open, excellent skiing						
Les Deux Alpes	87 300	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	50-62 lifts open, lovely piste skiing	Wengen	25 80	Good	Fair	Pwrk	2/2	Upper slopes good						
Flaine	110 220	Good	Open	Var	2-8	29-32 lifts open, some fresh snow	Zermatt	65 230	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	32/33 lifts open, excellent skiing						
Flaine	135 225	Good	Open	Var	2-8	All 40 lifts open, excellent skiing	U.S.												
Nendel	73 165	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 40 lifts open, excellent skiing	Aspen	150 165	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All lifts open						
La Plagne	150 310	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 112 lifts open, icy patches	Heavenly	75 145	Good	Open	Var	2/2	20/25 lifts open						
Serre Chevalier	40 130	Good	Open	Var	2/2	74-77 lifts open, excellent skiing	Mammoth	105 195	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 26 lifts open						
Tignes	140 215	Good	Open	Var	2-8	61-64 lifts open, superb skiing	Park City	70 145	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 14 lifts open						
Val d'Isère	140 350	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	51-54 lifts open, superb skiing	Shimshonet	70 165	Hard	Open	Pwrk	2/2	18/20 lifts open						
Val Thorens	140 320	Good	Open	Var	2-8	All 29 lifts open, good skiing	Steamboat	175 185	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	Revert back to good						
Germany																			
Garmisch	5 220	Good	Some	var	2-8	Upper slopes excellent	Telluride	125 150	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 10 lifts open						
Oberstdorf	20 215	Good	Some	Pwrk	2-8	Best skiing on upper slopes	Valle	130 165	Good	Open	Pwrk	2/2	All 25 lifts open						
Italy																			
Aprica	22 145	Good	Open	Var	2-7	Excellent above 1700m	Key: L=Low Depth in area on lower and upper slopes, Mts.=Mountains, Pwrk.=Pistes, Res.=Resort, Rndg.=reading in resort village, A=Artificial snow.												
Data from the Ski Club of Great Britain																			